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The Monadnock Monthly Meeting of Friends
Report of the Spiritual Condition
Fourth Month,1959

Friends came to Rindge and established The Meeting School which has its roots in the meeting for Worship. It was thus that the Monadnock Monthly Meeting of Friends organized and gathered weekly for worship.

The majority of members and attenders are actively engaged in education, either at The Meeting School, another Rindge private school, or the local public school. Thus, more than half of the children of school age are being directly influenced by Friends' teachers.

Some members are active in the work of the AFSC, Friends' Civil Rights group in N.H., and Yearly Meeting committees. One member is active on the Woolman Hill Board, one on the Board of Christian Education of the Five Years Meeting and several young Friends attend Yearly Meeting, United Nations seminars and work camps. Others participated in Walks for Peace and written letters to government officials.

The Meeting for Worship is a family meeting with children as young as two years participating. The Meeting encourages the children to attend Meeting, feeling that their Christian nurture begins here and in the home. Our meeting is characterized more by a quiet expectancy rather than by the vocal ministry. We feel it is growing towards more mature vocal ministry. All are encouraged to come with hearts and minds prepared. Most of the families gather daily for family worship.

Meeting eighth month 18th, 1957,
friends gathered for business meeting following the worship period at Meeting School property West Rindge, New Hampshire.

George Bliss was asked to serve as temporary clerk.

The Meeting was united in feeling that it would like to affiliate with New England Yearly Meeting as soon as possible. The Meeting discussed affiliation with Quarterly Meetings. In light of proposed rearrangements of the Salem Quarterly Meeting and the Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting and the possibility of the formation of a New Hampshire Quarterly Meeting it was felt that we should refer the matter of our immediate affiliation to the Central Advisory Committee.

The relationship of the Monthly Meeting to the School was discussed. It was felt necessary to establish a meeting for business to care for the needs of those Friends in this community who are meeting regularly for worship in the area. It was felt that the relationships of the school to the meeting would evolve as the school community gathered and the school meeting started.

The meeting has appointed
Robert Hindmarsh, Clerk
Philip Towle, Recording Clerk
Helen Bliss, Treasurer
of the Monadnock Meeting for a term of one year. The meeting year will run according to a calendar year. Thus, present officers will be in office until January, 1959 or until successors are appointed. The meeting has set as a time, the second first day of the month, for the business meeting, to follow the meeting for worship.

George W. and Victoria C. (Pepper) Rae have requested membership for their family in the Meeting. A committee has been appointed to visit with them consisting of:

George I. Bliss
Sylvia C. Pigors

At the meeting for worship, a visiting Friend reminded us that George Fox when seeing the magnificent view from Pendle Hill experienced a vision, and that likewise, we here gathered at the Meeting School have both a view and a vision. Essential to the fullfillment of this vision is the establishment of an organized vigerous Monthly Meeting for worship and business where families of our school, and the wider community, and the students can center their lives and seek out and experience that Power which is Love and Truth. It is in the Meeting where the administrative functions of the School's living and development of the spiritual and intellectual maturity of the individual will be given the special care that comes from waiting in reverent expectancy.

No further business appearing, we adjourn, purposing to meet in Tenth Month at the appointed time.

Meeting Ninth month 8th, friends gathered for business meeting following the worship period.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, and after several suggestions were approved.

Concern for the care of children during
It was felt that the use of the living room which for the children has an association of play and relaxation was not condusive to their settling down to worship. A desire was expressed that a meeting place be secured as soon as possible which would be more satisfactory for worship for all ages. The Bartlett building will be used for a trial period The weekly care of this building; cleaning, fires, and arrangements of chairs be given to:

Ernest Bliss
Peter Remick
G. Scribner Bliss, alternate

George Bliss offered to look into the possibility of locating used benches from a meeting now laid down. If he is unsuccessful it was felt the school students might construct them.

Education Committee was appointed to guide the children's activities consisting of:

Thera Hindmarsh
Virginia Towle
John Kaltenbach
Ruth Hayden
Cynthia Bliss

Request was made that a sign
FRIENDS MEETING FOR WORSHIP, SUNDAY 9:00 AM.
be constructed to identify the Meeting Place. George Rae offered to construct a temporary sign and later a more permanent sign may be designed by the future students.

It was felt that Friends should consider a financial responsibility to the Meeting to attend to such matters as the minute book, Sunday School supplies, scholarship fund, building fund and our responsibility to our larger Society. A committee consisting of:

Helen Bliss
Pepper Rae
Joel Hayden

was appointed to set up a budget to help all members and attenders to realize the character of our responsibility.

No further business appearing we adjourned purposing to meet in Tenth Month at the appointed time.

Meeting Tenth Month 13th 1957 at nine A.M. Friends gathered for worship and business.

Minutes for the two previous business meetings were read.

The Religious Education Committee recommended that some one volunteer each Sunday to take the children out of Meeting when restlessness is evident. To supervise their play activities for the balance of the worship period. The question whether we should have planned religious educational program was discussed. We were reminded of the educational experience of Meeting for Worship and doubts were expressed whether religion could be taught. However, the need for Bible literacy and other germain knowledge was emphasized, and we agreed to develop this in our young people in family programs. Having accomplished their assignment the committee was laid down.

The treasurer reported that money was being received and the finance committee would soon set up a tentative budget.

Feeling that standing committees can become burdonsome and that an alive meeting will be sensitive to its own needs and those of people everywhere, without the formation of committees. We organized no new committees at this time

A meeting on Ministry and Counsel will be appointed at the next business meeting.

The following time changes were agreed upon: Worship from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Business Meeting from the second Sunday to Third Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. of each month

Further thought was given to our relationship to membership in some Quarterly Meeting. We were united in feeling that when the time comes for affiliation that application should be made to the Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting.

No further business appearing we adjourned proposing to meet the eleventh month at the appointed time.

Meeting Eleventh month 20th 1957 at 7:30 p.m
Friends gathered for worship and business.

It was felt for the present time that a small group would be sufficient for Ministry and Counsel. The choice not being influenced by age but openness to serve: Names approved were:

Thora Hindmarsh
John Kallenbach
Jennie Lee
Sumner Wood

Our Quarterly Meeting affiliation was further discussed and it was felt we should make application for membership to the Connecticut Valley Quarter before their next meeting in February. A statistical survey of our meeting should accompany this application. The following representatives were appointed to attend this Quarterly meeting and it was hoped that they would take their families:

George Bliss
Robert Hindmarsh
Joel Hayden
George Rice

It was hoped that many others would find the way to attend this meeting.

Mr. Jacques, Minister of the Rindge Congregational Church invited us to join the Rindge Inter-Church Counsel. It was felt further exploration should be made before any decisions were made.

The Meeting felt it should accept Mr. Jacques invitation to participate in the Christmas pageant, December 13th.

No further business appearing we adjourned purposing to meet in twelfth month at the appointed time.

Meeting First Month 15th, 1958 at 7:30 p.m. Friends gathered for worship and business. The Meeting scheduled in Twelfth Month was cancelled.

Mr. Jacques welcomed us to meet with the Inter-Church Council the next time they met to give us an opportunity to meet the group and raise questions we might have on our mind.

It was hoped some of the members of Ministry and Council could attend the Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting's Meeting of Ministry and Council which would be gathering Saturday evening. It was hoped that on Sunday another car or two could go to attend the Quarterly Meeting sessions.

The financial committee had met and prepared a budget which they presented at this time. After considerable discussion it was felt that at least for our first year, since we do not know our expenses that Friends should be encouraged to contribute to Monadnock Meeting as they felt concerned to help the meeting. It was suggested that possibly a group contribution to the American Friends Service Committee could be made through a student service project. The Treasurer is to notify the Meeting of any needs as they arise.

Ministry and Counsel presented a report at this time, a copy included in this book.

A concern was presented that we as a meeting should back the A.F.S.C. on their work to discourage the H-Bomb tests in the Pacific this coming April.

No further business appearing, we adjourned purposing to meet in Second Month at the appointed time.

Meeting Second Month 14th, 1958 at 7:30 p.m.
Friends gathered for worship and business

A thorough report was given of the Quarterly Meeting session held at Hartford, Connecticut. Our request to join the Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting was favorably received and they appointed a committee to investigate the fitness of our request. Students also reported on the Young Friends session held at the same time.

The latest action in regards to the appeal to stop the H-bomb tests was reviewed, literature was made available.

No further business appearing, we adjourned purposing to meet in Third Month at the appointed time.

Meeting Third month 19th, 1958 at 7:30 p.m.
Friends gathered for worship and business.

Our clerk has requested the mats which had been prepared for newspaper release regarding Friends concern for the discontinuation of the spring and summer testing of atomic bombs. These mats to be sent to local papers. No decision was made

Word had been from Russell Brooks that the committee appointed by the Quarterly meeting to investigate the advisibility of Monadnock meeting joining the Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting hoped to visit on April 5th or 6th or March 29th and 30th. The latter date would be the least desirable for ourselves with school closed for vacation.

A visit with Rev. Jacques indicated that it may not bee too far in the future when the present Rindge Inter-Church Council might be disfunded and a new council with a new charter formed. It was suggested that we should consider the broader Ecumenical Church affiliation rather than restricting ourselves to the local group. However, if the present council is disbanded and a new one formed, we might feel concerned to have a committee visit with the group forming the new charter and council.

A group of reports were given of several service organizations along with appeals for funds. It was hoped that the Treasurer would forward any money designated for any of the three appeals presented.

With no further business appearing, we adjourned purposing to meet in Fourth month at the appointed time.

Meeting Fourth Month 16, 1958 at 7:30 p.m.
Friends gathered for Worship and business.

Two weeks ago six members of the committee appointed by the Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting to study the suitability of our joining their Quarterly Meeting visited with us to question our intent in joining their Quarterly Meeting.

It was reported that one family had recieved membership transfer which would be effective when the meeting became a recognized monthly meeting.

All attenders at the Monadnock Meeting including adults and students who are members of the Society of Friends are encouraged to feel free to transfer their membership to the Monadnock Monthly Meeting when it becomes an active monthly meeting either as active or sojourning members.

The next Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting will be Fourth Month 27th at New Haven, Conn. Philip Towle has been appointed to represent the meeting

The advertisement supplied by the American Friends Service Committee to ban nuclear testing and nuclear armament has been placed in the Monadnock Ledger, and underwritten by two members. However, the support of others would be appreciated. Ten dollars has been recieved by the Treasurer from members toward this expense.

No further business appearing, after a period of meditation we adjourned, purposing to meet in Fifth month at the appointed time.

Meeting Fifth Month 21st, 1958 at 7:30 P.M.
Friends gathered for worship and business.

The meeting felt privileged to have as visitors: Arnold and Edith Reckendorf of Amsterdam Monthly Meeting now residing at the Windsor School, Lenox, Massachusetts. William E. McCulloh from Middletown Monthly Meeting. Edward A. Manice from New Haven Monthly Meeting and Harry Foster from Providence Monthly Meeting.

Minutes of the Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting were read. Of special significance to our meeting was the announcement that the Quarterly Meeting had accepted us as a recognized Monthly Meeting within its jurisdictions. There was expression of appreciation for the work done by the committee appointed to consider our membership. It is in a spirit of joy and anticipation that we become a Monthly Meeting. We are concerned that we might grow in wisdom and strength as we become an active part of our Quarterly and Yearly Meeting.

A minute from North Fairfield Meeting was read approving the transfer of the membership of Philip R. and Virginia R. Towle and the associate membership of Kevin Arthur, Karen Elizabeth, Glenn Eric, and Claudia Lee Towle to Monadnock Monthly Meeting. see attached letter

Friends expressed a concern for the type of membership which the monthly meeting would recognize and it was finally felt that it should be left flexible with the parent or child having the privilege of making the choice of membership or associate membership.

The meeting authorized the Treasurer to purchase a record book for the keeping of meeting statistics.

It was suggested that the appointment of the person to work on the nominating committee of the Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting be carried over until fall when school reconvened.

It was suggested that in the fall the meeting might want to appoint a recorder to handle correspondence and the meeting statistics.

The treasurers report was given.

It was suggested and approved that the present officers of the Monadnock Meeting continue their responsibilities with the newly formed Monadnock Monthly Meeting.

A very searching and friendly discussion labored with the matter of Student attendance at the meeting for worship. There was a feeling that compulsory attendance was out of order, but it was hoped there could be developed within the individual a desire to attend the periods of worship.

After a period of meditation the meeting closed purposing to meet Sixth Month at the appointed time.

To the Monadnock Monthly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends,

This is to certify that Philip C. Towle, wife Virginia Tripp and four children, Kevin Arthur, Karen, Glenn Eric, and Chandra Leigh members of this Meeting have requested ~~the~~ a certificate transferring membership to your Meeting. Upon due inquiry no obstruction appears to granting this request. We therefore recommend them to your Christian care. Please acknowledge receipt of this certificate and acceptance of the transfer by completing, and returning to our clerk, the annexed statement.

In love, we are your friends
Signed by direction and on behalf of
North Fairfield Monthly Meeting of
Friends, held at North Fairfield, State of Maine,
the third first day of ninth Month, 1957.

Leona G. Stevens, Clerk.

Hinckley, Maine

Meeting Sixth Month 25th at 7:30 p.m. Friends gathered for worship and business.

Joel Hayden was appointed temporary clerk in the absence of Philip Towle.

A letter was read from John Sullivan of Burlington, Vermont expressing his regret at being absent from our first meeting of business in May.

A letter was read from Yellow Springs, Ohio, Monthly Meeting authorizing the transfer of of membership of Joel B. Hayden, Jr. to Monadnock Monthly Meeting (See attached letter). This Friend was welcomed to the meeting.

A letter was read from ~~Swarthmore~~ Providence Monthly Meeting authorizing the transfer of membership of Kirk Jacob (See attached letter). This Friend was welcomed to the meeting.

George Bliss reported on the 1958 New England Yearly Meeting, including talks by Kenneth Boulding, Raymond Wilson, Russell Johnson; a survey by the Young Friends, and the problems of Moses Brown and Lincoln School and the possibility of the affiliation of the New England Yearly Meeting with Friends General Conference.

It was decided to combine the Seventh and Eighth month business meetings and hold the next monthly meeting on Eighth month 6th with a picnic supper. It was suggested that invitations go out to interested families.

It was suggested that the Monthly Meeting business meeting, during the school year, be changed beginning Tenth month from the third Fourth day evening to second First Day following meeting for worship. This was approved subject to the approval of absent Friends.

It was suggested that a family visit the Rae's in Petersham. The Hindmarshes will make the visit.

With no further business appearing we adjourned purposing to meet at 6 p.m. the first Fourth day of Eighth month.

Providence Monthly Meeting
Of The
Religious Society Of Friends

SEERS OVERSEERS
MITTEE COMMITTEE

~~BOX 227~~
MEDIA, PA.

May 16, 1958

Mamandnock Monthly Meeting
West Ridge, New Hampshire

Dear Friends:

The Overseers of Providence Monthly Meeting have received a request for the transfer of Albert Kirk Jacob to Mamandnock Monthly Meeting.

This is to certify that Albert Kirk Jacob is a member in good standing of Providence Monthly Meeting.

While we sincerely regret losing him from our membership, we can understand Kirk' s desire to have his membership with your meeting. This transfer was approved at our regular meeting for business held on May 5, 1958. We commend him to your loving Christian care.

Sincerely,

R. Murray Hoffman Clerk of Overseers
Boyd M. [illegible] Clerk of Meeting

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Issued by direction of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of Friends

To Mamandnock Monthly Meeting of Friends,
Held at West Ridge N. H
Copy from Membership Record regarding Albert Kirk Jacob
Street 14 South Swarthmore Avenue
Town Swarthmore
State Pennsylvania
Date of birth December 11, 1941
Place of birth
How admitted By transfer from Chestnut Hill Monthly Meeting, Phila.
(State whether by birthright, application or, if by certificate, from what Meeting)
Father's name Philip E. Jacob
Mother's (maiden) name Edith F. Muther
Married—To whom
When
Where
If husband or wife is a member of Meeting and where
Husband's or wife's father
Maiden name of husband's or wife's mother

Children's Names	When Born	State whether member or not, if so, where

From Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends
Held at Media, Pennsylvania
May Mo. 5, 1958
Margaret E. Dungan
Recorder

Yellow Springs Monthly Meeting
Religious Society of Friends

YELLOW SPRINGS, OHIO

June [illegible], 1958

Robert Hindmarsh, Clerk
The Monadnock Monthly Meeting
The Meeting School
West Rindge, New Hampshire

Dear Robert Hindmarsh:

Joel B. Hayden, Jr., has written Yellow Springs Monthly Meeting requesting a letter of transfer of membership to your monthly meeting. In our business session on June 5 this action was authorized by Yellow Springs Meeting, and I am writing to confirm this action and to commend Joel Hayden to you as a Friend whose participation in our meeting was prized.

Sincerely,

B. B. Hollister
Barrett Hollister
Clerk

Meeting Eighth month 6th, 1958 at 8 p.m., after an enjoyable supper, Friends settled into a period of worship and business. Friends query on peace was read since to-day was the anniversary of the dropping of the first atomic bomb.

The following visitors to the monthly meeting were welcomed:
Henry & Thyra Jane Foster of Providence Monthly Meeting.
Edwin & Kitty Kline, Rindge, out of Philadelphia yearly meeting.
Winters & Alice Kendall, Rindge, - son a Meeting School
student and to be houseparent for a student this fall.
William & Elizabeth McGreal, Peterborough, Wider Quaker
Fellowship members.
Edward & Margery Dickinson, East Rindge, with the Hampshire
Country School and wife a member of 57th Street Meeting
Chicago.
Harold and Margaret Laity, members of New York Yearly
Meeting.
Mrs. Fuller of Rindge
George and Peggy Rae and their son George from
Petersham, Massachusetts.

Reading of the past meetings minutes were referred over to the next monthly meeting to give additional opportunity for the three reports to be given this evening.

First, Luther Thompson spoke on the activity of the "Sane Nuclear Policy" group recently invited to Peterborough. He expressed a concern to draw together groups in this general area large enough to justify the bringing in of prominent speakers. It was hoped that these speakers could give accurate information which would help for a greater understanding of the atomic danger and greater concern for the discontinuation of atomic activity.

In the discussion that followed it was called to our attention that the United Nations is about to release a report on a five year study of atomic energy fall out.

Second, George [illegible] gave a report of the Conference now being held in Washington, D.C. which was called because of the concern at Cape May for action and searching as to our position regarding atomic energy and world Tension. He had the Privilege of being in on the second day. He found the activist wanted immediate action while others were searching for the long range approach. Finally a quiet walk on the White House was planned and carried out carrying a request for a conference with President Eisenhower.

Walt Hayden gave a very detail, stimulating, and accurate report of the Avon Institute which the [illegible] held this summer. He felt the heart of the program was the small informal round table groups at which the proceeding messages were discussed in a searching manner. These groups were made up of quite diversified individual.

He also gave an interesting review of all the guest speakers who helped spark the Avon Institute and tried to touch upon some of their key point.

After a period of silence we adjourned purposing to meet after meeting on the First First Day of next month since school will be opening the following First Day.

Meeting Ninth month 7th, 1958, Friends began Monthly meeting business session following meeting for worship.

A letter of transfer of membership was read from Lynn Monthly Meeting for the Bliss family. George T., Helen L., Cynthia J. Bliss were taken in as active members and Ernest L., George S., Gerald M., and Margaret N. Bliss were recorded as associate members. The meeting extended a warm welcome to this family.

Robert and Thera Hindmarsh were also warmly welcomed into active membership with their children: Elizabeth Anna, Walter George, and Alison Thera Hindmarsh joining the Meeting as associate members.

Robert Hindmarsh reported that in the absence of Sylvia C. Pigors, George Bliss and himself had met with the Raes regarding their joining the Society of Friends. The Committee felt most encouraged in their interest in the Society, in their extensive reading of Friends literature and writings, and in their extensive search which they had made in trying to find their spiritual satisfaction. The Meeting was pleased with the report and was happy to welcome them as our first new members to the Society of Friends. Victoria C (Fypper) and George W. Rae were recorded as active members and their son Robert Burns Rae as an associate member. It was called to our attention that there were 23 recorded members in the Monadnock Monthly Meeting.

The Treasurers report was given.

It was suggested that a nominating Committee should be appointed to prepare a report for the next Monthly Meeting. The following names were approved:

Virginia K. Towle, convener
Kirk Jacob
Robert Hindmarsh

Request was made for any suggestion as to the committees that should be considered for the coming year and it was felt that the only standing Committee, for now, should be Ministry & Counsel.

The following names were suggested for representative to the next Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting gathering at Woodstock, Vermont Tenth Month 5th.
Joel Hayden
George Rae

The Meeting expressed an interest in doing something in the form of picnic or social to welcome the new students before their first Meeting for Worship and at the same time try to convey to the new group what our experience in a Quaker Meeting for worship.

At the conclusion of the meeting Helen Bliss gave a detailed report of our experiences at the Race Relation conference held at Westtown, Pennsylvania. This was the second gathering of this group with about 135 attending and with excellent representation from most of the southern states.

With no further business appearing Friends adjourned purposing to meet in Tenth Month at the appointed time.

MIDDLE CONNECTICUT VALLEY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

Amherst - Great Barrington - Greenfield - Northampton

South Hadley, Massachusetts

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Amherst, Mass.
9-22-58

Monadnock Monthly Meeting of Friends
c/o/ The Meeting School
Ringe, N.H.

Dear Friends:

The Middle Connecticut Valley Monthly Meeting hereby grants the transfer of membership of the Robert Hindmarsh family to the Monadnock Monthly Meeting.

Appreciation is expressed for the contributions of the Hindmarshes to the activities and fellowship of our Meeting while they were members.

We send our affection and good wishes.

John W. Zahradnik

John W. Zahradnik

Clerk

To Monadnock Monthly Meeting of Friends;

Dear Friends,

This is to certify that

George I. Bliss
Helen L. Bliss
Cynthia J. Bliss
Ernest L. Bliss
George S Bliss
Gerald M. Bliss
Margret N. Bliss

members of this Meeting have requested a transfer of membership to your Meeting. Upon due inquiry, no obstruction appears to granting this request.

We therefor recommend thenm to your Christian care.

Please acknowlege receipt of this certificateand acceptance of the transfer, by completing the the annexed statment and returning same to our clerk.

In love, we are your friends, signed by direction and in behalf of Lynn Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Lynn, Mass., 7th mo. 9th. 1958.

Richard S Gove

Clerk

Meeting Tenth Month 12th, 1958, Friends began monthly meeting business session following meeting for worship.

We were glad to welcome the following visitors to Monadnock Monthly Meeting:
John Richardson, Dartmouth, N.H. Hanover Meeting.
Rose Mary Kleinburg, Medford, Massachusetts.
Gun Lontgi, Hartford, Connecticut - Y.M.C.A.

We were glad to receive the attached letter from Middle Connecticut Valley Monthly Meeting confirming the transfer of the Hindmarsh family which was recorded at our last monthly meeting.

There was a concern expressed that there should be a committee on Peace and Social concerns.

The nomination committee's report was read and the following were approved:

Ministry + Counsel:
Thera Hindmarsh
George Bliss
Cynthia Bliss
Virginia Towle

Peace + Social Concerns:
George Rae
Kirk Jacob
Janice Quigley - subject to her acceptance
Suse Hand - " " " "
Ann Syme " " " "
Orion Sherwood

Nomination Committee of Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting
Robert Hindmarsh

Finance Committee
Helen Bliss
Pepper Rae
Ernest Bliss - subject to his acceptance.

It was approved that the committee on Ministry and Counsel appoint their own representative to the Yearly Meeting Committee on Ministry and Counsel.

A report of the last Quarterly Meeting session at Woodstock, Vermont was given by Virginia Towle.

A discussion followed concerning the division of the Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting and to which group we should desire our permanent affiliation.

It was approved that we request a few minutes at the next gathering of the Middle Connecticut Valley Monthly Meeting to express our concern regarding the division of the Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting.

George Davis expressed a concern as to whether we might find some way to draw about fifteen Friends' students and other attenders into a more active membership relationship with the Monthly Meeting. The Meeting approved that Ministry and Counsel should make a personal contact with our various Friends and attenders.

Our clerk voiced a concern that Meeting for Worship was breaking in about 4-5 minutes of time. It was pointed out that some came early arriving about 9:45 and for that group Meeting was lasting an hour, also the attention-worship span of the average student was being taken into consideration.

With no further business appearing Friends adjourned purposing to meet in Eleventh Month at the appointed time

Meeting Eleventh month 9th, 1958, Friends began Monthly meeting business session following Meeting for Worship

Thera Heindmarsh reported from Ministry and Counsel that first grade aged children and older ones are encouraged to stay for the entire Meeting for Worship. She reported a change in trend of Friends religious education voiced by the New England Yearly Meeting Religious Education Committee for First Day Schools of an increased emphasis of putting more responsibility on religious education into the home. A discussion regarding First Day School followed pertaining to both younger children and adults. Bert Housman will be at the School ten to twelve monday evenings for sessions on religion, later in the school year. We are all encouraged to give thought to a student-adult discussion group First-Day following Meeting for Worship and those interested plan to gather next First Day. It was suggested that we should not plan any elaborate First Day program for the children, but some of the play-time be devoted to religious instruction. Alice Kendall and Helen Bliss will help with this phase of the program.

It was noted that the ministry in Meeting will probably develop as we come to know each other better and adjust to the many new situations we are in.

Virginia Towle reported on a visit she and Alice Kendall made to Burlington, Vermont and Hanover, New Hampshire last weekend. The Quarterly Meeting visiting committee will report to the next Quarterly Meeting that Burlington Friends become a Monthly Meeting with the probability of Friends in the Middlebury area becoming a preparative meeting

With no further business appearing Friends adjourned purposing to meet in twelfth month at the appointed time.

Meeting Twelfth month 14th, 1958, Friends began Monthly meeting business session following Meeting for worship.

Two books have been received from the Mosher Book and Tract Fund. Elizabeth Gray Vining's Biography of Rufus Jones has been given to the Rindge Public Library.

It is suggested that we gather for Christmas sing following meeting for Worship next First Day in place of the discussion group.

Robert Hindmarsh reported on a recent visit with the Middle Connecticut Valley Monthly Meeting Ministry and Counsel Committee. The idea was presented to the group of considering the possibility of forming a Quarterly Meeting consisting of the Middle Connecticut Valley Monthly Meeting and Monadnock Monthly Meeting.

Kathleen Gage, a member of Cambridge Meeting now residing in Peterborough, has been invited to meet with us for worship.

With no further business appearing Friends adjourned purposing to meet in First Month at the appointed time.

Meeting First month 11th, 1959. Friends began Monthly Meeting business session following Meeting for worship.

The Middle Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting will gather at Hartford February 1st with ministry and Counsel meeting the night of Jan 31st. Helen Bliss will represent the Monthly Meeting at the business session. Charles Hutton, Headmaster of Oakwood Friends School, will be the afternoon speaker. A special program on Friends Education is being planned especially for young people on Seventh Day evening and First Day.

David Curtis of Concord Monthly Meeting has brought a concern to the Monthly Meeting that New Hampshire Monthly Meetings be more concerned about civil liberties and civil rights in the State. A greater awareness of the problem could best be handled by a committee composed of interested members from the various Monthly Meetings. The committee will gather when important issues need consideration. Winslow Osborne, member lawyer of Concord Meeting will act as listener. Stanley Bean will be the contact person from our Meeting.

It was suggested that notices of Monthly and Quarterly Meeting business sessions be sent to members who are infrequent attenders of the Meeting. Judy Johnson will see that this is done.

Virginia Towle, convenor, George Bliss, and Alice Kendall were appointed to serve on a committee to study the advisability of a private primary grade school in the town.

With no further business appearing, Friends adjourned purposing to meet in Second Month at the appointed time.

Meeting Second Month 8th, 1959 Friends began Monthly business session following Meeting for Worship.

Hannah Cravath Towle was welcomed to the meeting as an associate member. (See attached letter)

Kirk Jacob reported for the nominating Committee that they recommended that the same officers remain in office for another year. The officers are:
Robert Hinkmarsh, Clerk
Philip A. Towle, Recording clerk and recorder.
Helen Bliss, Treasurer
The Meeting approved this recommendation.

George Bliss gave a report for the elementary school committee.

The clerk announced that we must be thinking about the annual report to the Quarterly Meeting on our spiritual condition. This was referred to the Meeting on Ministry & Counsel.

The Treasurer was asked to find out from Quarterly Meeting how much they expected from our 1959 contribution to the Yearly Meeting

Stan Bean reported on the first meeting of the ad hoc group interested in New Hampshire civil rights. (See minutes for Jan 11th '59) He said that the group asked Local Monthly Meeting to be aware of possible infractions of civil rights in their area and to let the group know of such findings. He said that the group actually knows very little so far about the condition of civil rights in the State. Meetings were asked to let the group know in what civil rights areas they would like to gather information.

Selma Sheldon reported for Young Friends on the recent Quarterly Meeting in Hartford. There were comments on Charles Hutton's summary of the problems facing Quaker education.

George Bliss reported on the recent Quarterly meeting on Ministry and Counsel. He said a committee had been appointed to explore the possibilities of setting up a New England Quaker extension course on Quakerism. He mentioned some suggested queries for Yearly Meeting. Our meeting on Ministry and Counsel was asked to consider these new queries.

Helen Bliss reported on the recent Quarterly meeting for business. We were reminded that our annual statistical report is soon due.

With no further business appearing Friends adjourned purposing to meet in [illegible] month at the appointed time.

Meeting Third month 8th, 1959, Friends began Monthly business session following meeting for worship.

Ministry and Counsel reported on their study of the 44 supplementary queries. They felt these queries were valuable for prospective members and local monthly meetings, but felt they should not be put into Faith and Practice. The monthly Meeting felt that Ministry & Counsel should write a minute to the Quarterly Meeting conveying this thought.

A report on the spiritual condition of the Meeting is being considered by Ministry & Counsel and will be reported at our next meeting.

Lois Hayden was named as our representative on Quarterly Meeting nominating committee.

The American Friends Service Committee had inquired if our Meeting would be interested in sponsoring an Indonesian refugee. It was suggested that our clerk send a letter of exploration to A.F.S.C. to see if the person could arrive as school closed. This arrival date would be a critical factor in our decision.

A letter was received from New England Yearly Meeting requesting a report on any active or inactive property which either belong to our meeting or former Quaker groups in this area. The meeting did not know of any monthly meeting property which should be reported.

A letter was received from the Five Years Meeting appealing for special Easter contributions. In as much as we have not established what our own financial responsibilities are, we feel possibly we should first consider more carefully our present obligations to the Yearly Meeting.

It was suggested that at our next meeting for worship, Friends be reminded that we do not [illegible]

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Box 8
Rindge, N. H
January 28, 1959

Dear Friends

It is our desire that our daughter Hannah Orcutt Towle be recorded as an associate member of the Monadnock Monthly Meeting of Friends.

Sincerely
Philip A. & Virginia R. Towle

Born January 23, 1959

any collection, but we do realize a responsibility to our Yearly Meeting and the larger society and world community and that each member and attender be encouraged to contribute to the treasurer.

The treasurers report was given. It was that $25. be sent on to the Yearly Meeting and examine further our own responsibilities to the Yearly Meeting.

The American Friend has made an appeal for the meeting to stimulate our members into being aware and interested in subscribing.

Philips Towle reported on attending the first official meeting of the Burlington Monthly Meeting. He expressed a concern that for the present it did not seem sound for this Northern Connecticut valley group to breakup into a separate quarterly meeting - although he was not against it in the future. The desire within Burlington Monthly Meeting to hold a spiritual retreat seemed to be handicapped by so many members being young couples with children. It was suggested that possibly students from the school could go to Burlington to do baby-sitting so all families could be free to attend a retreat. April 24-26th & May 1-3rd were the suggested open dates and Philips Towle offered to present this before the next student business meeting.

An educational conference is to be held at Woolman Hill on April 10-12, and they are seeking a real vital topic. Members were asked to give George Bliss any suggestions.

With no further business appearing Friends adjourned purposing to meet in Fourth Month at the appointed time.

Meeting Fourth month 12, 1959, Friends began Monthly Meeting business session following Meeting for worship.

The A.F.S.C. had acknowledged our inquiry for an Indonesian Refugee. They will notify us as soon as further information is available.

The next Quarterly Meeting will be at New Haven on Fifth month 2nd + 3rd. The meeting appointed Virginia Towle to represent our meeting with Thisa Hindmarsh and or Lois Hayden as alternates.

A letter had been received from the New England Yearly Meeting Christian Education Committee expressing a desire to have somebody to work within the Yearly Meeting as a part time Christian Education director. There is to be a session held in July in Indiana for training Christian Education leaders and it is the desire to send a person from New England if funds are made available before April 30th.

The China Camp committee expressed a desire for building materials for two new bunk houses. Labor has been contributed but funds will be needed to purchase the lumber. The meeting felt it would be in order to contribute $10.00 at this time.

The meeting expressed a desire to invite Catherine Paton to visit and meet with us with hopes that she could help us find ways of enriching our Christian Education efforts. The meeting felt it would be friendly to invite from Friends General Conference.

The committee on Ministry and Counsel presented the attached report on the spiritual condition of our meeting to be sent on to Quarterly Meeting.

The representatives to Quarterly Meeting and the Yearly Meeting Ministry + Counsel have been requested to try to find the purpose of the report of the spiritual condition of the Monthly Meeting.

There was a feeling that our monthly meeting should search itself in hopes of finding our thoughts regarding future reports on the spiritual condition of the monthly meeting.

With no further business appearing Friends adjourned proposing to meet in Fifth month at the appointed time.

Meeting Fifth Month 10th, 1959 Friends began Monthly Meeting business session following Meeting for Worship.

Soon after our last Monthly Meeting, a letter had been received from A.F.S.C. notifying us that a Hungarian refugee was immediately available. Upon receipt of this letter our Clerk attempted to contact the members of the meeting to check with each regarding their feelings towards this particular individual. With a favorable report received he notified the Service Committee that we would continue to follow through with our concern and accept this particular refugee. The meeting confirmed his actions.

We are to request Stanley Potter of the New England Yearly Meeting if any children need help from the Equalization Fund.

A letter from the Peace & Social concern Committee presented a variety of films and speakers - available for local meetings.

A report of the Quarterly Meeting held in New Haven was given by Virginia Towle.

The following appointments were made for Yearly Meeting.

George Bliss	to represent us at Ministry & Counsel
Helen Bliss	to represent us at Yearly Meeting
G. Scribner Bliss	to represent us at Junior Yearly Meeting.
Janie Quigley	to represent us at Young Friends.

The next Quarterly Meeting is to be held at Woodstock, Vermont in October.

A request was made for a report from this Monthly Meeting regarding our Meeting's Missionary outreach.

The Treasurer's report was given.

A letter was received from the Meeting on Ministry & Counsel of the Yearly Meeting concerned with our feeling regarding the sacraments. The Meeting felt George Bliss should be consulted to enlighten us on this particular issue.

Burlington expressed their appreciation for our offer to supply baby-sitting program so they could conduct a retreat, however, felt they must decline as they could not hold the conference until fall.

Attention was called to the fact that on the following Seventh Day the Peace + Social Concern Committee of the Yearly Meeting would be meeting here at the Meeting School.

The School Committee made a brief report covering three items.

No further business appearing the meeting adjourned purposing to meet next Month at the appointed time.

Meeting Seventh Month 5th, 1959, Friends began Monthly Meeting business session following Meeting for Worship.

Our refugee, Istvan Elemer Kiss arrived June 29th and left this morning for Cleveland with Orien Sherwood. In Ohio he will be with friends. The meeting approved of giving him $25.00 to meet immediate expenses. He is hoping to continue his education, and the meeting was encouraged to see if a college and working opportunity could be found before this fall.

A minute was received from Cambridge Monthly Meeting acknowledging Sylvia Pigors request for sojourning membership with Monadnock Monthly Meeting. The Meeting approved and extended a warm welcome to Sylvia.

Ralph Williams of North West Quarterly Meeting has extended an invitation for us to join the Quarter. They are having their first Quarterly Meeting in October. At our next Meeting in September it was suggested that members be appointed to visit this session.

Meeting appointed the Towles and Haydens to visit Catherine Sage and welcome her to our Meeting.

The Meeting felt privileged to have several from the work camp visit our business meeting.

With no further business we adjourned purposing to meet in September at the appointed time.

Meeting September 6, 1957. Friends began Monthly Meeting business session following Meeting for Worship.

The clerk read a letter which had been received from the Omaha Action group.

On October 4th, the first meeting of the newly formed Northwest Quarterly Meeting will be held at Woodstock, Vermont. Because of the indirect invitation for the Monadnock Monthly Meeting to join the Northwest Quarterly Meeting those who go as representatives should keep this in mind and be searching for light on the advisability of such a change. The following were appointed to represent the meeting

Virginia & Philip Towle
Thyra & Robert Hendmarsh, alternates

Ministry and Counsel recommended that a school scholarship program be considered by the monthly meeting.

The treasurer reported a balance of $36.96 with one outstanding bill of $25.00. She called to our attention that we have a Yearly Meeting obligation of approximately $5.86 per member. It was approved that a rough budget be made up which included our annual responsibilities with appeals being treated separately at the time of their receipt. However the scholarship fund will be reviewed annually as part of the budget. The financial committee was requested to prepare a budget for our next meeting.

A letter was received from Edward A Manice indicating that there are two members of New York Yearly Meeting in his area.

Elizabeth C. Bailey - West Rindge, N.H.
Wallace David Bradway - Red Mill Inn, E. Jaffrey, N.H.

Also our attention was called to the fact that the Mups, of Canterbury, N.H., have moved into Marlboro and should be welcomed and encouraged to attend our meeting.

The recording clerk was asked to prepare a list of members, attenders, and potential attenders who should be included on a mailing list.

It was reported that our refugee, Istvan Kiss, who has been in regular correspondence with our clerk, has a job, and that he had contacted friends of the Haydens. He is still concerned about entering College. George Bliss volunteed to write Wilmington College conveying the concern that Istvan Kiss carried the support of our Monthly Meeting as a desirable applicant for the college.

It was suggested that Monadnock Monthly Meeting hold a picnic supper on September 19th, at 5:30 P.M. at Bartlett for the new and returning students, with invitations to Bob Lyon and Myron Tenness.

The meeting approved a so-journing membership for Cynthia Bliss in the event she makes the request.

It was suggested that the meeting try to encourage Ivette DeForrest to attend our meeting.

With no further business appearing, Friends adjourned purposing to meet in October at the appointed time.

Meeting October 18, 1959, Friends began Monthly Meeting business session following Meeting for Worship.

Reports were given by Robert Hindmarsh and Philip Towle of the Connecticut Valley and the new Northwest Quarterly Meetings held at Woodstock, Vermont, October 4th.

In reconsidering our Quarterly Meeting affiliation, it was indicated that with our Central New England location, the New Hampshire Quarterly Meeting is possibly an even more logical affiliation. It was suggested that we should become better acquainted With New Hampshire Quarterly Meeting also allow our Field Secretary, Louis Marsteller to explore the invitation extended us by the Northwest Quarterly Meeting to see if it is a feeling among all members of that quarter.

The treasurers report was given, and the following budget was approved

Yearly Meeting allotment	- $100.
Scholarship fund	- 100.
Religious Education	- 25.
China Camp	- 10.
Unexpected expenses	- 15.

Total $250.-

If more than $250. is received it was suggested that any amount in excess of this amount be divided between the Yearly Meeting and the Scholarship Fund. It was felt that this budget should be reviewed again when all members were present.

A letter was received from Istvan Kiss, indicating progress in making adjustment to living and working in this country plus making arrangements to enter college in the near future.

The Meeting approved joining with the Meeting School and the Cheshire Council of Churches in sponsoring the play "Which Way the Wind" on November 21st.

With no further business appearing, Friends adjourned purposing to meet in November at the appointed time

Friends gathered, November 15th, but with no business appearing adjourned until December.

Meeting December 15, 1959, Friends began Monthly Meeting business session following meeting for Worship.

An appeal letter received from the China Camp Committee, the meeting authorized our treasurer to make a contribution - similar to last year.

The clerk read a letter from Woolman Hill Friends Conference Center appealing for assistance. It was approved to make a $5.00 contribution this year.

A letter from Mr. Sloan of the Cathedral of the Pines was received inquiring if we would be taking the responsibility for a Friends Meeting for Worship scheduled to be held in the evening of August 7, 1960. The meeting approved not only taking responsibility for the service, but to plan at the Meeting School to hold a buffet supper proceeding the meeting for worship.

A letter from the A.F.S.C. appealing for assistance for the Algerian Refugees was read. Silvea Pigors, and Susan Leonard have offered to go to the Troy Mill to see if the mill could be interested in contributing blankets for this urgent cause.

It was suggested that Meeting for worship begin at 10:15am with 15 minutes period of singing preceeding this worship period. This is to take effect on the first Sunday in January, 1960.

We were pleased to have Don Leverage and Stan and Ruth Bean with us to-day.

With no further business appearing we adjourned purposing to meet next month at the appointed time.

The Monadnock Meeting of Friends held at Rindge January 9, 1960. Friends gathered for business following Meeting for Worship.

Susan Kennard reported for the committee appointed to talk to Troy Blanket Mills officials about a possible donation of blankets for Algerian refugees, that their visit had resulted in a gift of 200 blankets which have already been delivered to the American Friends Service Committee along with 20 blankets contributed by members of the school Community.

The Meeting approved the nominating committee proposals which follow.

For the year 1960

Clara Hindmarsh Clerk
George I. Bliss Recording Clerk
Phillips Foote Treasurer

Joel B. Hayden
Sylvia Pigors
Erik Jacob
Robert Hindmarsh
} Meeting on Ministry & Counsel

Orion Kennard
George Rae
Ernest K Bliss
Robert Hindmarsh
Alice Kendall
} Committee for Peace and Social Concerns.

Phillips Foote
Helen Bliss
} Finance Committee

Virginia Foote
Helen Bliss
} Nominating Committee

The Treasurer's report was given.

A concern was expressed that possibly funds should be set aside to assist concerned Friends to attend Five Years Meeting in July at Richmond and the Friends General Conference in June

The meeting approved sending our new clerk to the Woolman Hill conference for Clerks to be held Jan 22 24. The meeting will pay the expenses involved.

The meeting approved the following list of representatives to Quarterly Meeting to be held in Hartford Conn on Feb. 7th: Alura Hindmarsh, Robert Hindmarsh, and Sylvia Rogers, alternate.

The question was raised whether the meeting is concerned about reopening its study on the possibility of a Monthly Meeting Elementary School. The meeting appointed Alice Kendall and Virginia Towle as a committee to further the study of the advisability of a school.

The Peace and Social Concerns committee has been asked to help organize local discussion groups to participate in the program of the National Council of Churches.

With no further business appearing the meeting adjourned purposing to meet in February at the appointed time

Robert Hindmarsh Clerk
Philip Towle, Clerk

Monadnock Monthly Meeting of Friends
held in Rindge 2nd Month 14th, 1960.

The minutes of the meeting held in first month were approved.

The report of the treasurer has been received.

A report from Virginia Towle regarding the Quarterly Meeting Sessions held in Hartford in 2nd month were read

The Queries

The clerk reported on the conference for Meeting Clerks held at Woolman Hill First month 22-24. There was discussion on the various concerns studied by the conference. The Meeting was concerned that the Queries be read more often in our Meeting for Worship. It has been suggested that occasionally during the year the entire group of queries be read, and that from time to time single queries be read and given time for thoughtful consideration.

Atlanta Friends

A communication from the Atlanta, Georgia Friends Meeting announcing the opening of their meeting house and center was read

Announcements of various meetings to be held in this area were read.

Yearly Meeting Quota

The treasurer was asked to make a payment toward our 1960 quota to the Yearly Meeting treasurer before the next meeting.

No further business appearing the meeting then concluded purposing to meet~~ing~~ in March at the appointed time.

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George Bliss, recording Clerk

Monadnock Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Rindge New Hampshire, 3rd month 13, 1960

The minutes of the meeting held in Second Month have been read.

The Treasurer has reported to the meeting.

The Meeting on Ministry and Counsel has given consideration to the spiritual condition of the meeting. This group has planned a continuing program of consideration of the spiritual condition over the next several weeks, and will report at the Fourth month meeting.

The statistical report of the meeting has been read and approved and will be forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting.

Elementary Education

The committee on elementary education has been active and plans for a conference on elementary education are being made. Details will be presented to the next meeting

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The meeting has approved that a request be sent to John A. Allen the Rindge representative to the New Hampshire legislature to introduce legislation that would remove the requirement that a certification of loyalty be made by all civil servants and office holders. It is the conviction of this meeting that citizens should not be presumed disloyal to their state and country until a declaration of loyalty is made. The New Hampshire committee on civil liberties will also be alerted ~~to~~ our concern on this matter. It will be suggested that other groups in the State might be ready to take action.

No further business appearing, we adjourn planning to meet in Fourth Month at the appointed time.

Flora F. Hindmarsh Clerk
George F. Bliss, Recording Clerk

The Monadnock Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Rindge, N.H. on Fourth Month 10th 1960.

The minutes of the meeting held in Third month have been read and approved.

The treasurer reports no changes in the status of the treasury.

The Meeting has approved sending another 25 dollars to the Yearly Meeting.

A member of the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel read the report on The Spiritual Condition of the meeting which has been sent on to the clerk of the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel of the Quarterly Meeting. It was suggest that we might discuss some of the concerns raised in the report. The Meeting asked the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel to consid what points to discuss and when.

Philip Towle was approved as our representative at the Quarterly Meeting in New Haven on the weekend of April 30th - May 1st. He will also represent us at the meeting on ministry and counsel.

The Meeting suggested that the present system of having no separate Quarterly Meeting treasurer be continued.

The Meeting approved the suggestion that at least $10.00 each year be made available to help pay part of the education of some teenager member of in a Friends School.

The Meeting suggests that a Yearly Meeting directory of members is useful but that its preparation of such a directory be done by Quarterly Meetings.

The Meeting approves the suggestion that Quarterly Meetings discuss the publicizing

Philip Foulke was requested to report back from Quarterly Meeting on such a discussion

There was a report by the committee on Elementary Education. A conference on Elementary Education has been planned here for the week end of April 23rd. The main topic for discussion will be the philosophy of elementary education.

No further business appearing the meeting adjourned.

Joel B Hayden (g)
Recording clerk for the day

The Monadnock Monthly Meeting of Friends
held in Rindge, N.H. on Fifth Month 15, 1960.

The minutes of the meeting held in Fourth month were read and approved.

Our representative was unable to attend Quarterly Meeting.

The Meeting on Ministry and Counsel has reported. It has recommended that business meeting should be held at a time other than following Meeting for Worship and that it might be followed by a discussion period each time. The meeting on ministry and counsel further suggested that in the Fall and Spring other Meetings in the area be invited to send visitors to our meeting and that periodically during the year we send carloads of students and adults to other meetings. In this way the vocal ministry might be increased and developed in The Monadnock Meeting. The meeting concurs with these recommendations.

After announcements of coming events the meeting adjourned purposing to meet on the 19th of Sixth Month.

– George I Bliss
Recording Clerk.

The Monadnock Monthly Meeting of Friends held in Rindge N. H. on Sixth Month 19 1960

The minutes of the meeting held in Fifth Month have been read.

Friends have expressed appreciation for the presence of Sylvia Pigors as a sojourning member of our meeting since its inception in 1957. Her contributions to the development of the meeting here in Rindge have been many. We will miss her as she takes up her work in California.

The matter of the time for monthly meetings was discussed. It was felt to be wise to change the time of Monthly Meeting to a week day evening. It was approved to shift the time of meeting to the second Fifth Day of the month to be held at the rise of the meeting. School business meeting which convenes at 7:30 P. M. Friends will be welcomed to the school business meeting on those evenings.

No further business appearing the meeting then concluded purposing to meet in Seventh Month at the appointed time.

Ilsa Hindmarsh, Clerk
George H. Bliss, recording Clerk

Monadnock Monthly Meeting of Friends
held 7th month 10th 1960 in Rindge, N.H.

The minutes of the meeting held in 6th month were reconstructed and approved.

The nominating committee presented the name of Virginia Fowle as clerk to fill the unexpired term of Thera Hindmarsh who will be out of the area for the balance of the calendar year. The term will go until Jan 1, 1961 and until a new clerk is appointed. This is approved.

The treasurer's report has been read and approved. The treasurer is authorized to send three dollars to the treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for six copies of the Yearly Meeting minutes.

Plans for the Aug 7 meeting of Friends at the Cathedral of the Pines were discussed. Joel B. Hayden was appointed as coordinator of plans for the buffet supper. Others on the committee are Ruth F Hayden, Virginia Fowle and Sylvia Pigors.

No further business appearing the meeting concludes planning to meet at the appointed time in 8th month.

Thera Hindmarsh Clerk
George I. Bliss, rec. clerk

Monadnock Monthly Meeting of Friends
held 8th Month 14, 1960, at Rindge N.H.

1 A report of the Meeting held at the Cathedral of the Pines was given. About seventy were present for the Buffet supper given at The Meeting School. There were nearly 100 present at the meeting in the Cathedral. Several Friends gave helpful messages. It was suggested that wider local coverage be given if the meeting is to be repeated in the future. The matter of further meetings at the Cathedral will be taken up with the Central Advisory Committee

2. A committee for arranging a monthly meeting picnic for Meeting School students on 9th month 24th was ~~discussed~~ appointed consisting of Virginia Towle, George Bliss, and Janis Quigley.
Philip and Virginia Towle have invited us to have the picnic at their home.

3. No further business appearing, the meeting concludes purposing to meet on the second Fifth day in Ninth Month.

Thera Hindmarsh, Clerk
George I Bliss, recording Clerk

The Monadnock Monthly Meeting of Friends held 9th month 8th, 1960 at Rindge, N.H.

Plans for the Monthly Meeting Picnic were discussed.

Orion Sherwood was named as representative to the Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting in Northampton.

A sojourning minute to the Providence Monthly Meeting was authorized for Robert Hindmarsh and family.

Plans for a reaffirmation of the Peace Testimony of the Society of Friends was discussed. It was suggested that a public statement be issued and a public meeting be held. The matter was referred to the committee on peace and social concerns.

No further business appearing the meeting adjourned purposing to meet at the appointed time in 10th month.

Ilena F Hindmarsh, Clerk
George I Bliss, recording clerk

The Monadnock Monthly Meeting of Friends
held 10th Month 13th, 1960 at Rindge New Hampshire

George Bliss reported on the Quarterly Meeting sessions held in Northampton.

Plans for special observance of a day of rededication of our Friends Peace testimony were discussed. Meeting for worship will be an opportunity for each of us to give prayerful consideration to the peace testimony and his own needs in relation to it.

An evening meeting to which the public will be invited will be held in the Gathering Room at The Meeting School. A panel of Friends will present their interpretations of the peace testimony and its meaning in their lives.

The matter of a delegation to go to Washington to present a Peace witness was discussed. A number of friends indicated a concern to take part in this meeting. The treasurer was authorized to pay any part of the balance in the treasury for implementing this concern.

George I. Bliss was appointed to serve on Ministry and Counsel until January 1, 1960. The Meeting on Ministry and Counsel was asked to consult with attenders of our meeting who might wish to affiliate with our monthly meeting as active members.

Joel B. Hayden reviewed Quarterly meeting committee responsibility and asked for information concerning those who might wish to serve in Quarterly meeting capacities.

No further business appearing the meeting adjourned purposing to meet at the appointed time in 11th month.

Virginia Towle, Clerk
George I. Bliss, recording clerk

Monadnock Monthly Meeting of Friends
gathered Eleventh Month Tenth 1960 in Rindge

The minutes of the meeting held in Tenth Month were read.

A report on the meeting to reaffirm our Quaker peace witness indicated that a public meeting was held with about twenty visitors from Rindge and surrounding communities present. It was felt to have been a very worthwhile meeting.

Three members of our meeting will attend the Quaker Peace witness in Washington. Joel Hayden, George and Helen Bliss will. Ruth Hayden and seven Meeting School students will go.

It has been suggested that we might meet for discussion before or after meeting for Worship on First Days.

The meeting on Ministry and Counsel reported that they had visited four attenders to discuss possible affliation with the Monadnock Monthly Meeting. This visitation will be continued.

No further business appearing, the meeting concluded purposing to meet at the appointed time in Twelth month.

Virginia Towle Clerk
George I Bliss Recording Clerk

Monadnock Monthly Meeting of Friends gathered for business on Twelfth Month Eighth 1960 in Rindge New Hampshire

A letter from Middletown Monthly Meeting of Friends in Pennsylvania recommending Janet L. Connelly to the care of our meeting was read. It was felt suitable that Janet Connelly become a member of our meeting. We welcome her to our group with the hope that although she is at some distance from our meeting she will be able to worship with us occasionally and will be able to be active as a monthly meeting member.

Alan Laufman has indicated an interest in becoming a sojourning member of our meeting. A letter to this effect ~~has~~ from the Cambridge Monthly Meeting has been received by the clerk. Alan is enthusiastically welcomed to take an active part in our meeting.

The Committee on Ministry and Counsel announced that it had met with Alan and Melisa Laufman, Stanley Zielinski, and Hazel Hayden. All who were visited indicated interest in our society. Melisa Laufman and Hazel Hayden are not ready as yet to affiliate with Friends in formal membership. Stanley and Ludmila Zielinski have indicated that they would like to be sojourning members of our meeting.

This move is welcomed and we look forward to a letter from the Burlington Meeting.

Further visitations will be made.

Announcements of several Friends Conferences or meetings to be held during the winter were announced.

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An appeal from the China Camp Committee was read.

A communication from the Mosher Book and Tract Fund has been read. Selections of three books will be made.

A report from the group that made the trip to Washington for the Quaker Peace Witness was given at the Meeting School 11/20/60. All who attended the Vigil were grateful for the opportunity. The group as a whole seemed united in feeling that much was accomplished in this period of witnessing - both on the part of those who were witnessing and those who were waited upon at the Pentagon, Embassies and State Department.

A Concern for the care of the young Children during Monthly Meeting was expressed. It is suggested that the empty basement room be made available for them with one parent leaving with them. Student volunteers might be encouraged for this service also. Care should be taken that the children be allowed to stay in the Meeting as long as they are ready to stay.

The following officers for the year 1961 are appointed:

Clerk - Virginia Towle
Recording Clerk - Stanley Zulinski
Ministry & Counsel
Joel Hayden
George L. Bliss
Philip Towle
Treasurer - Alan Kaufman

We welcome Pamela Rush from the Concord N.H. meeting.

The possibility of one of our families acting as host to a young woman from New York City was discussed

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Several possibilities were suggested. Joel Hayden will follow up on these.

It has been suggested that we have Monthly meeting once or twice a year at the Rae's house in Petersham Mass. This was approved subject to the approval of the Raes.

No further business appearing the meeting thus concluded purposing to meet~~ing~~ again at the appointed time in First month.

Virginia Towle, Clerk
George I Bliss recording Clerk

FRIENDS MEETING AT CAMBRIDGE
5 LONGFELLOW PARK
CAMBRIDGE 38, MASSACHUSETTS
TRowbridge 6-6883

Meeting for Worship
Each First Day (Sunday)
Morning at 9:30 and 11 o'clock

Proctor W. Houghton, Clerk
Eleanor B. Gould, Treasurer
George A. Selleck, Exec. Sec'y

November 16, 1960

Thera F. Hindmarsh, Clerk
Monadnock Monthly Meeting of Friends
R.F.D. 1
Rindge, New Hampshire

Dear Friend:

We have a letter from our member, Alan Laufman, telling us he will be residing in your area for at least the next two years and requesting sojourning membership in your Meeting.

At our recent Monthly Meeting held on November 10, we approved this request. We feel sure your Meeting will derive benefit from Alan's friendly vigor. We send Alan and Melisa our warm greetings and best wishes as they become part of your Friendly community.

Sincerely,

Proctor W Houghton
Proctor W. Houghton, Clerk

PWH/h

CERTIFICATE OF REMOVAL

(Two copies of all certificates are to be prepared and presented to the Monthly Meeting, the duplicate to be filed by the Clerk. Husband and wife and minor children may be included in one form, but separate certificates must be provided in other cases.)

TO Monadmock MONTHLY MEETING OF

FRIENDS Rindge, New Hampshire

DEAR FRIENDS:—

Our Certificate of Removal has been requested on behalf of

Janet L. Connelly

a member of this Monthly Meeting, who now resides within your limits. The usual inquiry has been made, and no obstruction appearing we recommend her to your Christian care, and remain with love your friends.

Signed on behalf of Middletown Monthly Meeting of Friends, held the 20th day of Eleventh Month, 1960.

Russell G. Simmons

Clerks.

Monadnock Monthly Meeting, 1-st Month 12th 1961

Present: Phil & Virginia Towle; George & Helen Bliss; Joel & Ruth Hayden;
John & Ruth Wires; Alice Kendall; Alan & Melissa Laufman;
Stan & Mila Zielinski.

Minutes read and approved.

Letters read:

1. Circular about posters.
2. From FSC in NE acknowledging the membership of Helen Bliss and Bob Hindmarsh.
3. From George Selleck about revision of Discipline.

Announcements:

1. Minutes of the NEYM are available (50¢).
2. Next Quarterly Meeting will take place in Hartford on Feb., 4th and 5th. M.& C. Saturday evening.

Concerns:

1. Helen Bliss on lack of cooperation between FSC and Meetings.
2. Joel Hayden's trip to Russia.
3. Completion of the M & C with a student member.
4. Problem of the best place for the Meetings for Worship.
5. Problem of taking care of children during Meetings.
6. John Wires' plans for the future.
7. Stan and Mila Zielinski about their visit to the Winter Institute in PH.
8. Alan Laufman about Brinkman's letter concerning civil defense, followed by long discussion.

Monadnock Monthly Meeting 2-nd month 9 1961

Meeting for Business.

Present: George andHelen Bliss, Joel and Ruth Hayden; Philip and Virginia Towle, Orion Sherwood, Ernie Bliss, Alan and Melissa Laufman, Stan and Mila Zielinski.

1. Minutes read and approved.
2. Letters:
    A. From Burlington Monthly Meeting confirming the transfer of Stan and Mila Zielinski to Monadnock Monthly Meeting as sojourning members.
    B. From Friends World Committee about the attitude of the Meeting to racial discrimination.
    C. Newsletter from Connecticut Valley Quarterly.
3. Announcements:
    A. Next Quarterly Meeting is postponed to March 4/5th.
    B. Meeting for Worship on March, 26th will take place at Rays' house.
    C. Next Meeting for Business on 2-nd Thursday in April.
4. Concerns:
    A.George Bliss about Queries, which were not read this year. When and where should they be read? Query No.1 was read during this meeting. Consideration should be given to read Queries in Meeting for Business and during the Meetings for Worship.
    Phil Towle about the Queries in family life.
    B. Orion Sherwood is concerned about the vitality of the Meeting for Worship and about the silence in the Meeting. About the approach to students. Suggests seminars.
    C. George Bliss about the revision of the Discipline. Suggests a Committee on revision. Time of the committee meeting on Sunday after Meeting for Worship.
    D. Joel Hayden on lack of spiritual sharing in the adult community. Virginia Towle proposes a retreat. Details to be left to the Ministry and Counsel.
    E. George Bliss about our part in the Pine Cathedral services.
5. Agenda for the next meeting: Paul Lacey's letter; F.W.C letter.

Monadnock Monthly Meeting, 3-rd month 16 1961

Meeting for Business

Present: George Bliss, Joel Hayden, Orion Sherwood, Ruth & John Wires, John Bloch, Mila & Stan Zielinski.

State of The Meeting prepared by the Monistry and Counsel was read and approved after discussion.

Meeting approved of Joel Hayden's trip to Russia. The Meetings send greeting s to whomever it may concern. Joeal Hayden asks for news from the Meeting during his trip.

George & Helen Bliss are going to attend the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting during Spring vacations.

Monadnock Monthly Meeting 4-th month 16 1961

Meeting for Business

Present: Helen & George Bliss, Phil & Virginia Towle, Orion Sherwood, Antoinette Kahan, Ruth Hayden, Stan Zielinski.

Letters:
1. Richmond (NJ) Monthly Meeting about Ruth Wires asking for sejourning membership.
2. New England Home Develppment programme raising money for the home in Hingham, Mass.
3. New England Yearly Meeting Office. Contribution for Equalization Fund. Arrangements Committee; camping during Yearly Meeting.

Concerns: Contributions to the Yearly Meeting. The MMM did not contribute anything in 1960.

African students. The Meeting is reminded that we have a fund of $ 700 to help a student from Kenya. It is suggested that a student could be maintained by the Meeting in the high school in New Providence, Iowa. Another suggestion of a day student staying with a neighbour.

It was agreed that letters will be sent to Kenya inquiring about possible candidates, and to New Providence.

It was agreed that a sum of from $ 5 to $ 10 will be sent to the Yearly Meeting for the Equalization Fund.

It was announced that the Meeting for Worship took place at Tay's on Easter Sunday.

Monadnock Monthly Meeting of Friends gathered for business on Fifth Month-14th,1961
The Minutes from the Meeting held in Fourth Month were read and approved.
A matter of sending funds to the YM was approached, but no decision was taken owing to absence of the treasurer.

Paula Kelly's, student at the Meeting School, application to join the Society of Friends was next discussed. George Bliss and Joel Hayden formed the Visiting Committee, and talked with Paula, who expressed the desire to join the Monadnock M.M. before she leaves the school next June. They recommend to act favourably on the application, considering Paula Kelly ready to join the Society.
It was decided that a letter of recommendation will be issued to Paula sometime next fall, after she decided upon her next residence.
In the meantime the Meeting is agreed to accept Paula Kelly as a member.

A concern about African students was brought before the Meeting and further means of getting funds for this purpose was discussed. It was agreed that a letter will be sent to the NEYM in this matter.

A concern was expressed about having the Queries read at the Meeting for Worship: why are not they read at the present time. No decision was reached.

There was further discussion about arranging a shelf and a space for the Monadnock M.M.Library, probably at the Wires' House basement. No definite decision was reached.

A letter was read from Harold Chance,Claremont M.M., about Friends' refusing to pay taxes for military purposes, and instituting instead a payment for UNICEFF at the same time increasing the tax by 5% as proof of good will.
It was explained by George Bliss that the school has an obligation to withhold taxes, otherwise it would lose its right to operate,therefore those members of the Meeting who belong to the M.S.have no choice in this matter.
There followed a discussion on possibilities of having a Bill to such effect passed by the Congress,although tis chances seem rather slim at the present moment.
The Meeting agreed on sending to the Claremont MM a letter of appreciation for their initiative with expression of hope that this will be implemented by finding a Congressman who will be willing to present such a Bill.

A concern was expressed about the attendance at the Meeting for Worship. There was a feeling that many students do not give a serious enough thought to the function of the Meeting for Worship at the Meeting School.
It was suggested that some students and faculty might attend occasionally retreats organized at the Woolman Hill once a month. The possibility of attending the next retreat,on the following Thursday, was discussed.

The Meeting was cpncluded proposing to meet on the second Fifth day in 6th Month, at the House of the Towles'.

acting for rec.Clerk

Monadnock Monthly Meeting 6-th month 8 1961

Present: Joel Hayden, Helen & George Bliss, Virginia Towle, Orion Sherwood, Lynn Moreby.

The minutes of the Meeting held in 5th month 1961 were approved as read.

Orion Sherwood, a faithful attender at the Monadnock Monthly Meeting for three years has announced his intention of uniting in marriage with Lynn Moreby,a member of Stamford Monthly Meeting, NY Yearly Meeting on 6 month 17, 1961, and asks us to communicate with Stamford M.M. regarding the suitability of this marriage.

The Meeting is united in commending Orion Sherwood to the Stamford M.M. and wholeheartedly approves of this union.

The Clerk has suggested that a letter to Friends among the student body of the Meeting School be sent during the summer suggesting that they might bring a sojourning minute from their meetings to our when they come to school in the fall, The Meeting agrees that this is a good plan.

The Monadnock Meeting accepts responsibility for a Meeting for Worship at the Cathedral of Pines on Aug.20. The members of the Meeting will entertain at the school after the Meeting. Local church members will be invited to attend, and notice of the meeting will be published in the New England Friend.

A concern for opportunity to gather as a meeting group in close fellowship and study has been expressed. Philip & Virginia Towle are appointed as representatives to Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting to be held at Guilford, Conn. August 5 & 6.

The Meeting concludes purposing to meet in Ninth Month 7th.

Meeting on Ministry and Counsel
Stamford Monthly Meeting
Stamford, Conn.
12 Jan 61

Dear Friend:

The minute of Monadnock Friends concerning the marriage of Orion Sherwood and Lyn Morley has been pleasureably received.

We are grateful that you have shared with us your feelings about this union for we share them with you. We are pleased and inspired that they are taking each other in marriage within our Meeting. Hopefully, some of you may be able to share in that Meeting.

This carries the loving greetings of Stamford Friends,

Your friend,

Albert Bigelow
Clerk (M+C)

Monadnock Monthly Meeting 9-th month 7, 1961

Meeting for Business

Present: Joel Hayden, Robert Hindmarsh, Virginia & Philip Towle, Christian Rawndal, George Bliss, Hazel Hayden, Antoinette Kahan, Henry B.Foster (Prov.MM). Regrets from George and Pepper Rae.

Joel Hayden is appointed as representative to the Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting to be held in Hartford, 9th month 30, and 10th month 1st.

The regular meetings of the Monadnock Monthly Meeting will be held on the 4th First Day fo each month in 1961-62.

It was announced that the Conn.Valley M.M. will be held in Rindge on the 4th and 5th of the 7th month in 1962.

The treasurer was authorized to send $ 10 to the Quarterly Meeting treasurer and & 10 to the Yearly Meeting treasurer.

A letter encouraging students who are membersoof the Society of Friends to have sojourning membership with us at the M.M.M. will be given to those young Friends during the first weel of school.

The conduct of the Meeting for Worship was considered. The gathering room could be made more appropriate by several mechanical rearrangements in the room. Interruptions through the movement in and out of children and latecomers was considered to be an element in the lack of real sense to be centered down in worship. A more organized program for the supervision of children was suggested. Older children will be asked to take more responsibility for staying through the worship period. Parents will be assigned well in advance to care for the younger children who will leave themmeeting at a given moment early in the meeting.

The newcomers to Quakerism should be given more of an opportunity to gain in appreciation of the use of silence. It is possible that we are oversensitive about breaking the silence for fear of giving offence to others, but silence may be the unifying force that we are seeking. Time will be provided at the beginning of meetings for worship early in the shool year to explain the meeting for worship and the use of silence

The first 5th day of each month at 7.30 p.m. will be set aside as a time for members of the meeting to gather for fellowship, study, and discussion.

The Monthly Meeting will sponsor a picnic for the Meeting School students on 9 - 16. The Rays or Bartlett have been suggested as sites. The committee to work on this will be: Stan Zielinski, George Bliss, Thora Hindmarsh, Ruth Hayden, Helen Bliss, Janel Rawndal.

10th month 22 1961

Present: Helen & George Bliss, Virginia & Phil. Towle, Ruth & Joel Hayden, Christian & Janet Ravndal, Bob & Thera Hindmarsh, Mira Zilinski, Antoinette Kahn

A letter was recieved from Mike Lovell asking for membership in the M. M. M. of Friends Phil Towle & Bob Hindmarsh were appointed as a committee to visit with Mike. Mike is a recent graduate of the Meeting School

Robert Hindmarsh, recording Clerk

Monadnock Monthly Meeting 11-th month 28 1961

Meeting for Business

Present: George Bliss, Ruth Hayden, Bobert Hindmarsh, Janeal & Christian Rawndal, AntoinetterKahan, Bill Copperthwaite.

Letter from New York Monthly Meeting about the transfer of Jeneal and Christian Rawndal.

Robert Hindmarsh & Joel Hayden's circular letter on civil defense had been read, discussed, and approved.
Attempt will be made to have the letter published in local newspapers.

George Bliss raises the question of the help for Young Friends School in Friendsville (nr.Nashville, Tenn.) The school is not only in financial difficulties, but lacks students and teaching staff. The school is not integrated.
Suggestion was made of exchange of students, and of visiting the school on the way to Mexico.

Next Monthly Meeting 12-th month, 17, 4 p.m.

Robert Hindmarsh, rec'd. clk

Civil

Defence

Statement

New York Monthly Meeting
of the
Religious Society of Friends
221 EAST FIFTEENTH STREET, NEW YORK 3, N. Y.
110 SCHERMERHORN STREET, BROOKLYN 2, N. Y.

Eleventh Month 22, 1961

To Monadnock, N.H. Monthly Meeting of Friends,

Dear Friends:

Application has been made for our removal certificate for

Christian M. Ravndal
Janeal Ravndal
The Meeting School
Rindge, N.H.

members of this Monthly Meeting.

The necessary inquiry having been made, and no obstruction appearing, we recommend them to your Christian care and regard, and remain your friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of New York Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends held Eleventh Month,8, 1961.

James W. Sterrett
James W. Sterrett
Clerk

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CAN FALLOUT SHELTERS PROTECT YOU IF YOU LIVE NEAR A TARGET AREA ?

"Shelters, either individual or mass, are of very limited value because of the fire storm effect. Everything in a 25-mile radius of the blast would be cut off from oxygen. Anything under the firestorm is usually killed. Shelters are a very poor idea."

Irving Michelson, Scientists Committee on Radiation Information, in Newsweek, October 2, 1961

WILL YOU BE SAFE IN A FALLOUT SHELTER A GREAT DISTANCE FROM THE BLAST ?

Chemical and bacteriological weapons can penetrate fallout shelters, turning them into veritable death traps. The infections of disease germs "can be drawn in by the very pumps intended to circulate life-giving air and water." This is a threat with which no one has tried to deal.

Alfred Hassler, "Neither Run Nor Hide", Fellowship of Reconciliation, May, 1961

IF YOU SURVIVE THE FIRST TWO WEEKS IN A SHELTER, WILL YOU ESCAPE THE DANGERS OF SEVERE RADIATION ?

"Immediately following the explosion of a number of megaton missiles, a massive fallout consisting of about 50 per cent of the total radioactive material released in the atmosphere would fall on the northern half of the globe. From six weeks to two months later rains would bring down another 30 to 40 per cent of the total again...Those who escaped the first lethal dose would almost certainly be destroyed by the second unless extraordinary preparations had been made to live underground for an indefinite time."

Marquis Childs, The Washington Post, October 6, 1961

WHAT SORT OF WORLD WILL YOU FACE IF YOU SURVIVE ?

(Two excerpts from the White House Conference on Fallout Protection, January 25, 1960)

"For some months essentially all milk supplies would be too highly radioactive to use even if the cows survived...Radioactive contamination would also be in sources of water supply...Most of our valuable agricultural lands will be highly contaminated and crops raised in these areas will take up radioactive materials from the soil...The principal problem is that presented by strontium 90 which, unless removed, will contaminate the land and its crops for decades."

John A. McCone, former chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission; present Director, Central Intelligence Agency

"In addition, such problems as adequate amounts of food and water, shortages of clothing heat and housing, and the breakdown of normal public health controls of insects and rodents, wastes disposal and communicable diseases would increase further the disparity between the health resources available and the amount required..."

Arthur Flemming, former Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare

"The effects of nuclear war on man and his environment are awesome to contemplate. Thermal and blast effects, and concomitant radiation, would create vast areas that would be useless to the survival of man. Fallout shelters in many areas can seem only a means of delaying death."

Dr. John M. Wolfe, Director of Biology and Medicine.
Atomic Energy Commission, quoted by Marquis Childs
in The Washington Post, October 6, 1961

"Studies show that if about 30 per cent of the population of any country is killed, wounded, or put out of action. that country will no longer function as a national coherent social organization."

Hanson Baldwin, Military Affairs Editor, The New York
Times, quoted by the National Committee for a Sane
Nuclear Policy in Hearings on Civil Defense, August, 1961
House Committee on Government Operations.

BUT ISN'T A STRONG CIVIL DEFENSE PLAN A DETERRENT TO WAR ?

"What sorts of American intentions and expectations would the projected shelter program symbolize to the USSR ? At the very least, it would suggest that we have markedly raised our own estimate of the probability of strategic nuclear war, and are therefore hoping to minimize its destructiveness... Inasmuch as shelters could be much more useful if ther were several hours' warning time, it would be reasonable for the USSR to assume that they will be used to protect civilians from the effects of a retaliatory strike. And if the adversary is led closer to such an inference by our shelter program, he will be accordingly and increasingly lured into opting for the first strike himself."

J. David Singer, "Deterrence and Shelter", Bulletin of
the Atomic Scientists, October, 1961

"The shelter talk may increase what recent visitors to this country feel is a growing war psychosis--a combination of fear and uncertainty generating a 'let's get it over with' psychology."

Marquis Childs, The Washington Post, October 6, 1961

The Monadnock Monthly Meeting of Friends (Quakers) consider it important to express to our community our feelings and thoughts regarding Civil Defense. In essence, we believe the Civil Defense program to be both deceptive and immoral.

We realize it is national policy to think there is protection for what we value most by burrowing underground. What is it we treasure the most ? The shelter campaign indicates we value our own skins and those of our family, but not our neighbor's, near or far. Some people have even suggested that it is good ethics to shoot our neighbor if he seeks refuge with us. Obviously such a position does not place high value on our souls or on the Christian ideals of brotherhood and mercy which nourish them.

Will the shelters protect ? Possibly in some areas, but very likely not in New England. Those within twenty to thiry miles of a ten megaton bomb burst would be suffocated in their shelters as fire storms consumed the oxygen. The Peterborough area, with a critical ball bearing factory and a probable nearby missile site, is a potential target. If it is not a target, then radiation fallout following nuclear strikes on large cities of the Northeast would still force us to shelter for six months or more. Then would come a savage struggle to exist by those few surviving. Who could build a shelter equipped for this long a stay or survive the psychological horrors of the aftermath ?

We inclose a list of quotations by officials and others who point out some of the misinformation about Civil Defense and give information that all of us should know. We also urge our neighbors to obtain reprints of a careful consideration of Civil Defense by Norman Cousins, editor of the Saturday Review of Literature, and also one by Congressman William Fitts Ryan of New York.

We ask people to consider the effects of Civil Defense on our total lives and on our democracy. Norman Cousins indicates that some officials wish the facts to be withheld from the public. They realize that most shelters would be unable to protect because of fire storms, suffocation hazards, radiation duration, and bacteriological weapons. But they do not want people to know this. They argue that then we might stop building shelters, and that shelter building is the best evidence we can give the Russians that "we mean business". To the degree that this is an official view, truth is being violated and we are being manipulated. And with Civilian Defense in the hands of the Department of Defense are we not hastening the further militarization of our country, making it that much mor difficult for democratic institutions to survive ?

What is the psychological effect on all of us, especially children, of intensified shelter drills ? Does it not give us a false security, or worse, a feeling of despair and desperation which might make us want to

"get it over with", and thus make war more likely ?

Will Civilian Defense consume so much in material and human resources and require so much abridgement of political liberty that it will destroy the sort of life we are trying to protect ? If we poured the resources into aiding our fellow men abroad would we not be more likely to acheive peace ? And is not the acheivement of peace the only lasting protection against nuclear and biological war ?

Let us not crawl dispirited into holes. Would it not be better to contribute the cost of a fallout shelter toward a U.N. agency which could build low cost housing in underdeveloped countries and thus provide shelter to human beings who need a home not underground, but under the stars ?

Even if shelters did give complete protection at low cost, we question the shelter program on moral and religious grounds. God, as shown to us both in the life of Jesus and in the stirrings of his spirit in our hearts, is a God of love. We believe that when we let his love reach out through us to another person, we find that same love answering the love we have offered. God's love is for and in all men and women everywhere. And it is a self-sacrificial love. It delights to give itself, and if need be to suffer, for the good of another.

Arms, weapons of all sorts, are unthinkable for such a love, because it cannot wish to harm, nor threaten to harm. Such a love puts its trust not in the machine of war, but in its own source: God. It walks like a lamb among wolves; wishing hurt to none; trying to love its "enemies"; seeking to overcome evil with good; strong in the spirit of Christ, who gave himself gladly for others.

We believe that for us to build fallout shelters would be to put our trust not in God, but in reinforced concrete. It would demonstrate that we considered the safety of our bodies more important than our faith in the power of God's love. It would show that we thought the worst of our opponents and thus could arouse no answering trust and love in them. We would be doing our bit to raise the fear threshold in the world, thus making war and violence the more likely.

Rather would we stand physically unprotected before the world's fear, opposing to it the perfect love of God that casts out fear.

For the Monadnock Monthly Meeting of Friends (Quakers),

Virginia R. Towle
Clerk

12th month 17, 1961

Present: Bob & Thera Hindmarsh, Christian & Janet Ravndal
Joel & Ruth Hayden, Virginia & Phil Towle, Helen & George Blew

The Meeting gathered for business at 11:20 A.M. Bob Hindmarsh & Phil Towle reported favorably on Mike Lovell's request for membership. The Meeting approved & welcomed Mike Lovell to membership in the Society of Friends.

Robert Hindmarsh, recording clerk

1-28-6

Present: Chris and Janeal Ravndal, Ruth and Joel Hayden, Virginia and Philip Towle, Robert and Thera Hindmarsh, Ernest Bliss, Mike Lovell, Phil Olt, John Peck

The procedure followed for the disposal of the body on death to the Dartmouth Medical School was discussed. Further information will be obtained.

A Minute of Concern was addressed to our elected representatives and our neighbors about proposed nuclear missile sites was approved. See attached.

Philip and Virginia Towle and family will represent Monadnock Monthly Meeting at Quarterly Meeting in Hartford, February 4.

Christian Ravndal asked that he not take on the Clerkship at this time. Virginia Towle agreed to continue as Clerk another year.

Robert Hindmarsh, reciding clerk

Secondmonth 25, 1962

Present: Joel & Ruth Hayden, George Bliss, Thea Hindmarsh, Robert Hindmarsh, Christian & Daniel Ravndal, Wm. Copperthwaite, Moira Zielinski, Phil. & Virginia Towle

Consideration was given to various pieces of peace literature & announcements of vigils in Boston & Washington. Friends were asked to study the material.

Minute:

The Monadnock Monthly Meeting of Friends asks for the repeal of the capital punishment law & urges that the sentence to death of Fred Martineau & Russell Nelson be commuted.

A copy of this minute will be sent to Governor Powell.

Robert Hindmarsh, rec'd. clerk

3rd month 25, 1962

Present: Thera & Bob Hindmarsh, Chris & Janeal Randal, Phil & Virginia Towle, George & Helen Bliss, Antoinette Kahan, Wm. Copperthwaite, Phil Olt

Phil Olt asked for membership in the Monadnock Monthly Meeting. Ministry & Counsel was asked to visit with Phil Olt.

The Meeting expresses its pleasure that Helen Bliss has entered her name as a candidate for Congress

The Washington, DC Witness for World Order, April 28 - May 1 was discussed. Janeal agreed to act as co-ordinator & organizer for the Meeting & The Meeting School

The report from Ministry & Counsel on the spiritual condition of the Meeting was read. Suggestions for improvement were made. The changes will be considered & the report circulated among members for further consideration. Ministry & Counsel was encouraged to invite Friends from other Meetings to visit & share in our worship

Robert Hindmarsh, rec. clerk

4th month 22, 1962

Present: Phil Towle, Helen & George Bliss, Chris Roondal, Antoinette Kahan, Ruth Hayden, Maria Zielinski, Thera & Bob Hindmarsh

Helen Bliss reported on the Friends' Vigil at the Mass. State House in Boston, & the Peace Walk from Natick, Mass. to Boston Common.

Phil & Virginia Towle were appointed as representatives to Quarterly Meeting in New Haven on May 5.

The suggestion was made to ask students if a shorter period of worship would make their attendance at Meeting more regular. The Meeting approves having the School Business Meeting consider this question. The Meeting also agrees to meet for a shorter period of time during Monthly Meeting day

Robert Hindmarsh, recd. clerk

5th month 20, 1962

Called Monthly Meeting

Present: George & Helen Bliss, Bob & Thea Hindmarsh
Ruth Hayden, Chris & Janeal Ravndal,
Antoinette Kalar, Phil & Virginia Towle

The Monthly Meeting considered the application of Phil Olt as reported by the appointed Committee. The Meeting approved of this membership & welcomed ~~Philip Towle~~ Phil. Olt to our Meetings & fellowship

Robert Hindmarsh, recd. clerk

5th month 27, 1962

Present: Joel + Ruth Hayden, Christen Raundal, Thea + Bob Hindmarsh, George + Helen Bliss, Phil. Olt Mira Zelinski.

George Bliss was appointed acting Clerk.
Phil Olt was welcomed to his first Business Meeting as a member.

The Meeting agreed to hold our June Meeting on Sunday June 11, with a picnic gathering for our departing members.

The Meeting approved starting Meeting for Worship next school year at 10 am with 15 minutes of hymn singing followed by quiet worship. We also recognized a need for more orientation on the nature of Quaker Meeting.

Robert Hindmarsh, recd. clerk

6th month 11, 1962

Present: Virginia & Phil Towle, George & Helen Bliss, Joel & Ruth Hayden, Robert & Thera Hindmarsh, Antoinette Kahan, Ed. & Katherine Klein

At a farewell picnic, held at the Meeting School, a traveling minute (attached) for Phil & Virginia Towle was approved. A good time was had by all.

Robert Hindmarsh, rec'd clerk

The Monadnock Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends unites in liberating Philip and Virginia Towle and their children, Kevin, Karen, Blenn, Chandra and Hannhh for Christian Service in Kenya.

To all Friends in Africa we commend these Friends to your loving care.

Dedication, sincerity and love have marked their service among young people in this country. We are confident of their ability to continue in this service of love in your schools and your Meetings in your country. Accept through them our love.

Approved at a called meeting of the Monadnock Monthly Meeting, Sixth Month, tenth, 1962.

Robert G. Hindmarsh
Acting Clerk

7th month 15, 1962

Present: Phil. & Virginia Towle, George & Helen Bliss, Thea & Robert Hindmarsh

A brief Meeting for Business considered plans for Quarterly Meeting to be held at The Meeting School Aug. 4 & 5.

Robert Hindmarsh, rec. clerk

9th month 2, 1962

Present: George & Helen Bliss, Chris & Janeal Ravndal
Ruth & Joel Hayden, Robert & Thera Hindmarsh
Virginia Towle, Wm. Coppenthwaite, Joe Ryan,
Antoinette Kahan, Hazel Hayden, Fred Weiner

Consideration was given to introducing and explaining the Meeting for Worship to Meeting School students. A sustained and varied presentation and discussion on Quaker Meeting, practices, and history was suggested. Morning devotions, Collection, Sunday Meeting, Business meeting, and Vespers all offer opportunities for such. All households are asked to deal with orientation matter in their first periods of devotion. Friends are asked to speak briefly at various times during school orientation and school business meetings on how they settle into worship. It was recognized that orientation should and does go on all year long.

Virginia Towle and Antoinette Kahan were appointed to issue invitations to Friends to visit the school and Meeting for Worship.

Because our Meeting is small, it was agreed that the whole Meeting would act as Ministry & Council, with individuals appointed for particular jobs as the need develops.

The Meeting concluded, purposing to meet Sept. 30.

Robert Hindmarsh, Rec'd Clerk

9th month 30, 1962

Present: Christian & Janet Ravndal, Virginia Toub, Antoinette Kahn, Robert & Thera Hindmarsh, George Bliss, Wm. Copperthwaite, Glenn Roberts, Lincoln Corey

George Bliss was appointed as representative to Quarterly Meeting.

The Clerk was asked to write Phil Olt asking him if he would like to receive a subscription to Friends' Journal or Quaker Life.

Participation by the small children in Meeting was discussed. We agreed to ask adults to take turns preparing a brief message for children for the early part of Meeting.

Thera will ask the school Meeting on Ministry & Council to visit members of the school community regarding their Spiritual life.

Robert Hindmarsh. Rec'd. Clerk

11th Month 4, 1962

Present: George & Helen Bliss, Ernest Bliss, Vera, & Robert Hindmarsh, Joel Hayden, Hazel Hayden, Claudia Lumbroso, Lincoln Cory, Mike Lowell, Glenn Roberts, Janeal Ravndal, Antoinette Kahan.

We reviewed the practice of having an adult read or say a brief message for the small children at the beginning of Worship. Concern was expressed that such a planned message might not be from the Spirit. While we recognized the dangers of any structuring of Meeting, we were willing to continue the practice on a trial basis.

A book list from Mosher Book & Tract Committee was circulated for us to select three books. Antoinette was willing to make the final selection.

Our Meeting's contribution to Quarterly Meeting over the past few years has been less than adequate. Friends were encouraged to contribute to our Treasury to make possible our proper support of larger Friends' groups.

The Treasurer was authorized to send \$5.- to Quarterly Meeting, and \$25.- to Yearly Meeting.

Robert Hindmarsh, rec'd clerk

12th month 16, 1962

Present: Robert & Thera Hindmarsh, George & Helen Bliss, Janet Rawndal, Joel & Ruth Hayden, Claudia Lumbroso, Lincoln Corey

The Treasurers report was read and approved. It was noted that we had ~~spent~~ sent $10.00 to Quarterly Meeting in Sept of 1961. $100.- was send to Yearly Meeting last month.

It was approved to have the Monthly Meeting call a meeting of students, Friends, and interested non-Friends, to discuss membership transfer & application. This will be done during our Feb. Meeting.

A traveling minute will be send with the Rawndals for their ~~st~~ visit with Jamaican Friends, and also, with George Bliss for his trip to Mexico.

Robert Hindmarsh, rec'd clerk

2nd Month 10, 1963

Present: Christian & Janeal Raundal, George & Helen Bliss, Robert & Flora Hindmarsh, Joel & Ruth Hayden, Joe & Helen Ryan, Claudia Lumbroso, Mike Lovell, Lincoln Cores, John Grossman, Hazel Hayden, Antoinette Kahan, Ernest Bliss, Susan Payor, Barbara Swann, Melissa & Allan Laufman, Jerry Lewis, Thelma Babbitt, Brenda Linderman

Students and others responded to a special invitation to attend Monthly Meeting to discuss membership in the Monthly Meeting. Sojourning membership was explained to members of other Meetings. Steps for joining the Religious Society of Friends were discussed, as well as the nature & nurture of the Society.

George Bliss reported on a visit to Gov. King of N.H. regarding the scheduled execution of two men. A valuable exchange of ideas and feelings occurred, though no clear conclusions resulted. Friends were encouraged to write to Gov. King.

Helen Bliss was appointed to be overseer from the Meeting to the April 12, 1963 Witness for Peace at Boston.

Helen Bliss reported on her attendance at a National Conference on Religion & Race held in Chicago in Jan 1963.

Robert Hindmarsh, rec'd Clerk

3rd Month 31, 1963

Present: Joel Hayden, Antoinette Kahen, Joe Ryan, George & Helen Bliss, Christian & Janet Randal, Calvin Walcott, Kenneth Whitney, Morwen Reese, Joel Hayden, Hazel Hayden, Robert & Vera Hindmarsh

George Bliss was appointed representative to Quarterly Meeting and asked to share with Q. M. Ministry & Counsel our Meeting's view concerning our appointing the whole Meeting as our Meeting's Ministry & Counsel, rather than a special sub group. It was observed that other small Monthly Meetings follow the same procedure.

"The Meeting discussed our Spiritual Condition, and we all sensed a serious lack in our Meetings for Worship. We are not drawn together enough in a unity of Spirit. We agreed to meet at the earliest convenience as a Meeting to further examine our Spiritual condition and what we must do to improve it."*

Joel Hayden reported on the A.F.S.C. School Affiliation Service Conference he attended & spoke to in Boston.

Robert Hindmarsh. rec'd Clerk

* Report of Spiritual condition to Quarterly Meeting

4th Month 28, 1963

Present: Joel & Ruth Hayden, Robert & Thea Hindmarsh, Helen Bliss, Wm. Copperthwaite, Calvin Walcott, Claudia Lumbroso

George Bliss was appointed official representative to Quarterly Meeting in New Haven, May 4 & 5

Robert Hindmarsh, rec'd clerk

5th Month 26, 1963
Present: George & Helen Bliss, Thera & Robert Hindmarsh, Ruth Hayden, Hazel Hayden, Christian & Janeal Raundal

A letter to the Monthly Meeting was received from Cynthia Bliss and Adrian A. Bennett III stating their intentions of taking each other in marriage and wishing to do so under the care of the Meeting. The Meeting appointed Thera & Robert Hindmarsh as overseers for the wedding, which will take place July 6, 1963, at 2 P.M.

Phil Ott will be asked if he is interested in continuing a subscription to the Friends' Journal.

The Meeting approved the Monthly Meeting joining the Monadnock Council of Churches with the understanding we do not feel obligated to match other churches in financial contributions.

The following officers were approved, to serve from June 1963 to June 1964

Clerk: Joel Hayden
Recording Clerk: Janeal Raundal
Treasurer: Robert Hindmarsh
Rep. to Quarterly Meeting Nominating Comm.: Helen Bliss
Rep. to Yearly Meeting: Thera Hindmarsh
Alternate Rep. to Y.M.: George Bliss
Representative to Young Friends: Jerry Bliss
Representative to Junior Y.M.: Elizabeth A. Hindmarsh

Robert Hindmarsh, rec'd clerk

To the Monadnock Monthly Meeting of Friends:

We, the undersigned, Adrian Arthur Bennett III, son of Adrian Arthur and Betsy Bruce Bennett and Cynthia Joan Bliss, daughter of George Irving and Helen Lippincott Bliss, intend taking each other in marriage, and desire doing so under the care of the Meeting.

Adrian Bennett
Cynthia Bliss

7th Month 7, 1963

Present: Robert & Thera Hindmarsh, George & Helen Bliss, Joe Ryan, Joel Hayden, Hazel Hayden, Jerry Bliss, John Grossman, Steven & Elizabeth Wolf.

Robert & Thera Hindmarsh, appointed by the Meeting as overseers for the wedding of Cynthia Bliss and Adrian Bennett, reported that the wedding took place at the specified time & place and in the manner of Friends. All present felt the joy & beauty of the wedding Meeting.

George Bliss reported on New England Yearly Meeting which took place June 18-23. He commented on the prevailing spirit of concern & inadequacy for Friends' witness to the war and race issues of our times. The children's program was also stimulating and searching.

Joel Hayden was appointed Quarterly Meeting representative to be held at Guilford Meeting Aug 3

Joe Ryan & George Bliss reported on the Avon Conference of the A.F.S.C. As usual, it was an exciting, controversial, & inspiring week.

Helen Bliss reported on the 4th National Conference of Friends on race relations held at Oakwood School June 16-21. Negroes see the current struggle as a revolution which has progressed further in the South than in the North. Nine queries on race relations were read to us.

We ajourned purposing to meet Sept 1.

Robert Hindmarsh, acting rec'd clerk

9th Month 2nd day, 1963

Present: Robert and Thera Hindmarsh, George and Helen Bliss, Joel and Ruth Hayden; Chris and Janet Ravndal

Thera was appointed librarian of the Monthly Meeting literature shelves

Joel asked that we pass on quickly the interest and action literature which will be passed around.

Joel reported on ~~Monthly~~ Quarterly Meeting in Guilford:

(1) We are asked to think over the annual report on spiritual condition. Do we need one?
(2) It was suggested that business for Quarterly Meeting should be distributed before the time of that gathering.
(3) There was discussion as to whether we should record ministers in our Quarterly Meeting.
(4) There was discussion of minute 531 of Guilford Meeting which states that the Monthly Meeting business meeting is central to Friends' lives and should be autonomous.

George felt the need to evaluate our spirtual condition annually, but not the necessity for a written report. Bob suggested we consider spiritual condition as an annual query. We will reconsider this matter later.

We felt the matter of recorded ministers should be left up to Monthly Meetings.

Joel reminded us that the Towles may be lonely and appreciative of letters.

The preparation of students for Meeting

for Worship was discussed. Joel will compose a letter of welcome to be sent with a pamphlet to students. The subject of Meeting for Worship will be introduced in houses and students will be prepared for the discussion of worship to take place at business meeting.

George reported on Barbara Sewan's wedding.

We adjourned planning to meet the first Sunday in October.

JLK

10th Month 13, 1963

Joe reported on a letter from Colin Bell.

George told of Quarterly Meeting, Ministry and Counsel where recording of ministers was discussed.

Thera reviewed Quarterly Meeting discussion groups dealing with [illegible] and qualifications for membership.

After discussing the matter of visitation with Friends and attenders of our meeting who might be prospective members, we agreed to issue special invitations to the following to attend the monthly meeting session on November 10 when membership would be the chief item for discussion:

Thelma Babbitt
Elizabeth and William McDowel
The Hibbens
The Kleins
The Westcotts
The Rogers
The Kees
Ruth Hayler
New students whose families are interested in Friends

These friends will be invited to stay on to dinner and possibly a gathering after the [illegible].
Descriptive material about Friends will be circulated among these people.

JTR

11th Month 10, 1963

Present: Hindmarshes, Blisses, Stablers, Wolcotts, Raes, Raendals, Haydens, Joe Ryan, Thelma Babbit, Elizabeth McGreal, Mike Magbee, John Muller, Chitra Yang, Jerry Bliss, Janice Vogel, Lincoln Cory, Nona Hayden, Devlin Hawks, Lita Johnson, Ty Parcher, Peggy Reynolds.

We decided to continue holding Monthly Meeting on the second Sunday of each month following Meeting for Worship

Following the treasurers report, Joel explained that in this meeting we contribute when, and as much as we wish - gifts are not solicited. Our casual methods of spending our small funds, and the kinds of things this money goes for were mentioned. The discussion of finances was postponed until the following monthly meeting.

Quarterly Meeting minutes and our Council of Churches membership will be discussed at our next meeting.

We decided to consider listing our meeting in the "Friends Journal". The treasurer will discover the cost and report back.

Helen Bliss and Thelma Babbit reported on a civil rights conference where "Responsibility and Desegregated Society" was the theme.

A discussion of membership followed. George explained the relationship of Monthly, Quarterly, Yearly and multi yearly meetings and some differences and divisions among Friends

Bob explained the procedure for joining a Monthly Meeting.

Business meeting procedure and the organization of the individual meeting were explained.

Thelma Babbit asked that we discuss our possible need of a Ministry and Council at a future meeting.

The procedure for transferral of membership was explained.

A statement of the basis of memberships was read from the Revised Faith and Practice.

We discussed the attitudes toward Christ among Quakers, and the lack of enthusiasm for Five Years Meeting.

Wolcotts and Ligans asked for a visitation committee preceding a possible letter of request for membership. Joel will appoint these committees

JR

12th Month 8, 1963

Present: Ruth and Nona Hayden, Blisses, Ravndals, Calvin Wolcott, Ty Parcher, Thelma Babbit, Raes, Joe Ryan, Elizabeth McGreal

Bob reported that the cost of an ad in "Friends Journal" is 26¢ per line. We approved placing an ad for our meeting.

The treasurer reported a balance of $160.09.

The budget of Yearly Meeting was explained. $20 per adult member is required to raise the $28,000 budget which includes $2,000 for a Young Friends worker, $9,000 for Five Years Meeting, and $350 for General Conference.

We discussed the need for more equitable giving to Five Years Meeting and General Conference, and agreed to suggest that Quarterly Meeting discuss the financial relationship of monthly meetings to Five Years Meeting and General Conference.

The use of Monadnock Monthly Meeting funds and our method of giving were discussed.

We agreed not to set up a Ministry and Counsel at this time.

We approved a contribution of $25 to the fund for a Young Friends worker for Yearly Meeting.

A suggested contribution to the Lewis scholarship fund will be discussed at the next meeting.

Thera reported on Friends concern for and attempts to aid Mrs Lee Oswald.

George asked about a representative to the local civil defense group - and what our position at such a meeting might be. Bob suggested that we recomend a change in the name of this committee to "Civil Emergency Committee". George will attend the meeting with another representative and take our concerns.

First Month 12, 1964

Present: Elizabeth McGreal, Thelma Babbit, Nona, Ruthie, and Joel Hayden, Blisses, Hindmarshes, Raes, Lincoln Cory, Ty Paicher, Bert Wolcott, Janeal Ravndal.

Joel told of the possibility of Herbert Swanson coming to lead a discussion group before meeting for worship. There was some feeling that a pre-meeting discussion should come out of our own Friends resources. We decided to invite Herbert Swanson to visit so that we can discuss with him what he has in mind for before worship.

~~Interest was expressed by~~ Those who had read Joe Haven's article in the "Friends Journal" expressed interest in implementing his concern in our meeting. George will invite Joe and Teresina Havens to visit us and we will explore possibilities for further visits.

Helen Bliss will represent us at Quarterly Meeting, George Bliss at Ministry and Counsel.

Joel read a letter from Chris asking to withdraw from membership in the meeting. Members expressed sadness, a sense of failure and responsibility, and the wish to strive for a closer relationship with Chris.

A visiting committee of George Rae and Bob Hindmarsh was appointed to express to Chris our concern and the seriousness with which we view this move.

The clerk will appoint a committee to visit Thelma Babbit who is requesting transfer of membership to our meeting.

The treasurer reported $25 sent to the fund for a Young Friends Worker and $1.00 sent to Yearly Meeting. We have $187.38 on hand.

Joel read a letter from Robert Cory suggesting ways of giving to the United Nations. See attached letter.

We decided to give no money to the Lewis Scholarship Fund as a meeting at this time. George will report to us if there is need in the future.

George Bliss announced a Civil Defense Meeting the following Wednesday and asked if anyone wished to attend with him.

Quaker Program at the United Nations

Friends World Committee
for Consultation

American Friends Service
Committee

345 East 46th Street
New York 17, New York
MUrray Hill 2-2745

January 2, 1964

Nellie R. Petry, Treasurer
Yarmouth Meeting of Friends
Yarmouth Port, Massachusetts

Dear Nellie Petry:

Thelma Babbitt has referred to me your query about the best way to channel the Kennedy Memorial Fund which has been raised by South Yarmouth Friends.

The United Nations has established a special Kennedy Memorial Fund for voluntary giving. It has already been decided that this money will be devoted to the United Nations International School here in New York. I think you will realize the many dilemmas that delegates and Secretariat members from other nations face when they bring their children to New York. My impression is that the UN School has made a major contribution to the smooth operation of the UN by providing the sort of education which will minimize the handicap children face when they return to their own countries.

On the other hand, both Friends Meetings and individuals have for a number of years been making voluntary contributions labelled United Nations and then earmarked "Self-help housing in Africa". This continuing program has made possible a rather exciting experiment in the crucial area of housing. I am informed that contributions to this fund will be acknowledged as having been made in the memory of our late President.

However you decide to make out your check, please be sure that you do earmark it either for "Kennedy Memorial Fund" or for "Self-help housing ", or if you prefer, for the United Nations Children's Fund.

We at the Quaker UN Program find that such contributions from citizen groups have a value far out of proportion to the number of dollars, for they are an indication of citizen concern in the ongoing work of the United Nations.

Sincerely,

Robert H. Cory, Jr.
Program Associate

RHC:llk
cc: Thelma Babbitt

Second Month 9, 1964

Thomas Hindmarsh reported on the visit with Thelma Babbit concerning transfer of membership to our meeting. We welcome Thelma Babbitt to membership in our meeting.

A letter from James Vogt requesting membership in our Meeting was read. Robert Hindmarsh, Jack Haughton and Peggy Rae were appointed to visit with James.

George Rae and Robert Hindmarsh reported that they had each talked individually to Chas. and suggested that we accept his resignation at this time. The meeting feeling sensitive to Chas' need to take this step now, and to our own dual purpose in retaining Chas' name for possible membership, accepts Chas' withdrawal, hoping for continued fellowship with him.

Third Month 8, 1964

Present: Ruth, Joel, and Alan Hayden; George and Pepper Rae; Calvin and Kent Mitchell; Robert Hindmarsh; Thelma Babbit; Russell McDaniel; Janet Randall

Robert Hindmarsh reported on the meeting with Francis Wright. The committee felt forms to be used for membership and recommended [illegible] be taken from the members of our meeting.

Joel Hayden read a letter from Honolulu Friends expressing their concern at segregation within Friends Meetings. We will write to these friends thanking them and expressing our agreement with their concern. Robert Hindmarsh, Thelma Babbit, and George Rae were appointed as a committee to draft a minute expressing the feelings of this meeting on segregation, such minute to be forwarded to the Honolulu Friends.

Joel Hayden read a letter from the clerk of New England Yearly Meeting, asking our meeting to appoint members for the Public Witness for Peace in 1964. We appointed George Rae and Thelma Babbit as members.

We will discuss attendance at Cape May Conference in our next meeting and return the post card as a conference correspondent.

Joel Hayden read a letter from the [illegible] Council of Churches welcoming us into membership in the body and inviting two representatives from our meeting to attend the annual meeting in the First Presbyterian Church, May 22. We will choose these representatives at a late

meeting.
We approved paying our annual dues to the Monadnock Council of Churches and will arrange possible further gifts at a later meeting.

We agreed to hold two exploratory discussions continuing on the purpose of our meeting, with Joseph Havens. We hope to have a series of such discussions in the fall. The discussions will be at 4pm on the 16th and 23rd of March.

Thelma Babbitt suggested that we make more use of the queries, reading one in meeting for worship once a month and considering the query in monthly meeting afterward. We agreed and decided to begin with the new Faith and Practice [illegible].

Fourth Month 12, [illegible]

Present: Jack Langley, George Bleam, George and Peggy Fox, Robert Hindmarsh, Winona Thompson.

1) George Bleam was appointed Cape May Conference correspondent.

2) A letter from Elizabeth M. [illegible] applying for membership in [illegible] Monthly Meeting was read. A committee of [illegible] will be appointed by the clerk.

3) George Bleam was appointed the meeting's representative to the next Quarterly Meeting.

4) The meeting approved sending two delegates to the annual [illegible] of the [illegible] Council of Churches. The clerk was asked to approach Thomas [illegible], Elizabeth M. [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] and appoint them.

5) Thelma Babbitt, Peggy Fox and Robert Hindmarsh were appointed to the meeting's nominating committee.

6) The meeting decided not to become a [illegible] associate of the Friends Journal. Most members subscribe and it will [illegible] all members and attenders to subscribe.

7) The meeting decided not to contribute to the Cape May Conference scholarship for [illegible] [illegible]. We might consider offering help to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

8) George Fox stated if the meeting [illegible] would be [illegible] by a [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible] and [illegible]. Others will be [illegible] [illegible] this fall [illegible] and if possible, we will try it next time.

Fifth Month [illegible]

George Bliss, [illegible] and Thelma Babbitt reported on their visit to Elizabeth [illegible] recommending that she be accepted for membership. We accepted Elizabeth [illegible] and welcome her to membership in the Religious Society of Friends and Monadnock Monthly Meeting.

George Bliss announced that Quarterly Meeting will be held at The Meeting School the first Saturday and Sunday in [illegible]. [illegible] will [illegible] with help. Double post cards will be sent out to remind what to bring, and which will attend.

Thelma Babbitt wishes to have the September meeting for worship and monthly meeting at her house. We approved accepting the invitation and moving monthly meeting September sixth to avoid conflict with the opening of school.

Our letter to Honolulu Friends will be read at the next meeting.

Evaluation of our 2 dialogue meetings was postponed until June monthly meeting. Bob Hardmarch suggested that we might [illegible] the questions as a basis for future dialogues.

Thea Hardmarch introduced three new books which will be in our meeting library:

Spiritual [illegible] in Daily Life [illegible]

[illegible]

Johnny [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible]

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Joel Hayden reminded us that Friends Journal needs money gifts.

Friends wishing to attend [illegible] Conference [illegible] should see Joel Hayden before our next meeting.

Friends will [illegible] at our next meeting.

[illegible] will talk to [illegible] about [illegible] after meeting for worship. [illegible] at that time.

[illegible] reported on Quarterly Meeting. He encouraged others to [illegible] Quarterly Meeting.

[illegible] reported [illegible] about First Day School [illegible] that [illegible] possible [illegible]

[illegible] the possibility of [illegible] recommendations.

Monadnock Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Rindge, N.H. Sixth Month 14, 1964 with twelve Friends present.

A letter from New England Yearly Meeting requesting help for the Equalization Fund was read. Friends approved sending $25 with a suggestion to our Finance Committee to consider this need in thinking about our financial needs for another year.

A letter from the Honolulu Friends Meeting of January 1964 was read, in regard to segregation in some Friends Meetings. (Letter attached to these Minutes.) Our reply was read and approved; a copy is attached. It was suggested that a copy of it be given wider circulation, at least in our Friends publications and also to Quarterly Meeting, Yearly Meeting, Five Years Meeting and Friends General Conference. Further, it was suggested and approved that we take our letter seriously and reconsider and discuss its implications at some later date. In connection with desegregation generally it was felt we could financially help an immediate need in the Voter Registration work in Mississippi this summer. $25 was approved to be sent to Jean Fairfax who will be there representing A.F.S.C., for her to give to the organization most in need and where it would be most helpful.

The Nominating Committee reported the following names for next year's Monthly Meeting positions:
George Rae, Clerk
Robert Hindmarsh, Treasurer
Thelma Babbitt, Recording Clerk

The Nominating Committee further reported their feeling the time had come now for a Ministry and Counsel Committee again and also a Finance Committee. The following names were suggested:

Ministry and Counsel: Joel Hayden, Convenor
Janice Vogel
Victoria Rae
George Bliss
Finance Committee: Robert Hindmarsh, Convenor
Helen Bliss
Thelma Babbitt

These suggestions and names were approved.

The Nominating Committee also felt we should again consider having a First Day School + Committee members for this as follows, were approved to study the idea and possibilities:

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First Day School Committee: Elizabeth Y. McGreal, Convenor
Thera Hindmarsh
Victoria Rae
Calvin Wolcott

After some discussion it was decided to hold our summer Meetings in the Gathering Room as usual and to postpone the August Monthly Meeting to September 12. A Saturday afternoon and evening Meeting was approved for this date and would combine with the September Monthly Meeting. Thelma Babbitt's suggestion to meet at her house on Prospect Hill, Hancock, N. H. was accepted.

The meeting adjourned purposing to meet again Seventh Month 12, 1964. Thelma W. Babbitt, Recording clerk

A report was given ~~from~~ by those attending the Monadnock Council of Churches meeting in Antrim in May. Thelma Babbitt reported she enjoyed going and felt such a fellowship is important and inspirational. A copy of the Minutes and Constitution of this organization is attached. Calvin Wolcott further reported that the group, in hopes of becoming more ecumenical, were issuing invitations to more non-member churches including Catholic ones, and a placard listing all churches in the area and their times of meeting was to be made available. He spoke further of the work of the Chaplain for Crotched Mountain Rehabilitation Center and the need for funds to carry this on. After some discussion about whether this was something we wished to support, we decided not to do so at this time. Joel Hayden reported on the N. H. Council of Churches' activities in the Civil Rights struggle and mentioned especially the Conference on Race and Religion to be held at Geneva Point camp for the week of July 4 to 11.

There was some discussion about whether to continue with the evening discussion group which was started in March. It was decided to talk further about this at the September Meeting.

Elizabeth McGreal asked that a line be added to our advertisement in Friends Journal and Quaker Life noting that First Day School would meet at 10:30 A. M. each First Day.

→ See above insert.

HONOLULU FRIENDS MEETING
2426 Oahu Avenue
Honolulu, Hawaii, 96822

January, 1964

Dear Friends,

We wish to share with you our concern over the segregation in various Friends meetings throughout the United States. We strongly feel this to be contrary to the Quaker principles of recognizing that of God in every man and acknowledging the dignity and worth of every individual.

There is great need for Friends everywhere to search within for the Spirit of Love and Brotherhood which we all seek.

Very sincerely,

John Jaquette

John Jaquette
Clerk

Reply to Honolulu Friends letter of January 1964

The Monadnock Monthly Meeting of Rindge, New Hampshire, appreciates and supports the concern of Honolulu Friends as expressed in their letter of January 1964. We are deeply concerned with the racially exclusive practices of some Friends Meetings and institutions in the United States. Our Monthly Meeting is open to all and in fact we do have regular attenders from several racial and ethnic groups. However, should we not ask ourselves why our Meeting, as well as most other Friends' Meetings in the United States, though officially non-segregated, do not in fact have multi-racial membership? We are also in hearty agreement with your statement that each of us must be more diligent in our search within for the spirit of love and brotherhood. We further feel that this spirit must be more effectively communicated through acts as well as words.

June 1964

The Monadnock Monthly Meeting of Friends met at Rindge, N. H. on Seventh Month 12, 1964.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The Clerk agreed to send a letter to Jean Fairfax following the sending of $25 to be used in the Mississippi Summer Project asking her to let us know where it was used.

Plans for Quarterly Meeting were discussed. Each second year the summer Quarterly Meeting of the Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting has been held at Rindge, N. H. with Monadnock Meeting acting as hosts. In response to suggestions of Friends, an invitation for a weekend visit will be sent to each member.

The Meeting School offered to provide overnight hospitality to the guests and meals. Members of this Meeting were to be asked to make pies for dessert. The generous offer of the Meeting School was accepted and it was agreed that there would be an opportunity for visitors to contribute the a Scholarship Fund in lieu of paying for hospitality.

It was agreed that our new member, Elizabeth Y. McGreal, would be invited to speak to Quarterly Meeting on a subject "Reflections of a new Friend." The Clerk will write a letter to Elizabeth McGreal asking if she will do this at the Sunday morning session preceding the Business Meeting.

The Meeting adjourned purposing to meet again Ninth month 12 at Hancock, N. H., since the Eighth Month Business Meeting is being omitted.

Thelma W. Babbitt, Recording Clerk

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
Ninth Month 12, 1964
Prospect Hill, Hancock, N.H.

The Monthly Meeting opened with a period of quiet worship at the home of member Thelma W. Babbitt.

The clerk, George Rae, read an Epistle from New England Yearly Meeting which included the John Woolman statement upon the occasion of his visit to the Indians. (The Epistle is attached to the Minutes.)

A letter from Thomas Bodine, Clerk of the Yearly Meeting, announced the appointment of Edwin Hinshaw as Young Friends Secretary on a part-time basis this year, with the understanding he will become full time next year. Edwin Hinshaw will be glad to receive invitations from Monthly Meetings to spend some time with their young people.

> This Meeting would like to have him come and talk with our First-day School Committee in October or November. The Recording Clerk was asked to write him a letter to this effect.

Dates of meetings of interest to Friends were announced including that of Executive Council of Yearly Meeting to which George Bliss will be glad to take any concerns.

The Friends Journal is making available to students a 9-month subscription at $3.50. This should be brought to the attention of students of our Meeting and if needed, the Meeting would offer financial help for subscriptions.

> It was agreed each student should be informed of this offer and ask if they wish to subscribe and whether they need financial assistance. The Recording Clerk was asked to write to Paula Kelly and Philip Olt in this regard. The Blisses will inquire of their two children of their wishes.

The New Hampshire Council of Churches is planning to set up a meeting to consider establishing a Human Relations Committee of the Council. J. Oscar Lee of the N.C.C. Race Relations Division will come to N.H. to discuss this. Interest was expressed in having our Meeting represented. Thelma Babbitt volunteered to represent the Meeting

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Committee Reports: The First-day School Committee met in August to explore and recommend plans for our young people beginning in the fall. They reported we have children in the following age groups at present:
4 under 3 years old; 3 ages 6 to 8; 7 ages 10 to 13.
No program is envisioned for children under 3 years old but it is proposed that a baby-sitter be arranged for during Meeting for Worship, possibly on a paid basis.

It was suggested it be referred to as "The Childrens' Meeting" rather than First-day School. Also that the two older groups be formed into one, thus involving one teacher each First day. The four members of the Committee would rotate and in the months when there are five First Days, something special might be planned such as a visit to some other Friends Meeting. All children would stay in the Meeting for Worship for 15 or 20 minutes then go out with a leader quietly. The Committee recommended that perhaps a discussion pattern might be followed, basing a series on the Old Testament, New Testament and Quaker background. The leader would begin with a story based upon the assigned area followed by questions and discussion by the young people.

The Committee felt it should be a flexible plan at first, adjusting as seemed advisable. It would involve advance preparation by leaders once a month. The Committee urged coöperation of parents in seeing that children attend.

Following the report, questions were asked in which it was wondered whether continuity would be interrupted by changing leaders each time. Some felt children should attend the whole Meeting for Worship if they desired. Would it be possible to hold the Childrens' Meeting before Worship? Others felt it would be difficult to insist children attend regularly. George Rae and Donald Liss volunteered to take the leadership of the young people from time to time to release the four regular leaders. There was no unity on the form or time of the First day School Committee report and recommendation, and the following Minute was agreed upon:

The First Day School Committee is to be commended upon the careful plans presented to Monthly Meeting. The suggestion for providing a baby-sitter for First Day Worship is approved. George Bliss thought students at the School could be asked to volunteer. In the light of the discussion, the

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was asked to meet again and formulate another plan to be presented at next Monthly Meeting.

The Finance Committee Report was presented by the Chairman Robert Hindmarsh. The Committee met and recommends a budget of $400 for the year. (A detailed budget is attached.) We have at this time, seven families as members. In addition, there are two other families who are regular attenders. There are also several student members who as yet have not completed their education. The budget is based roughly on a family contribution of $50 a year. The fiscal year should be considered to be from July 1 to June 30, to coincide with Yearly Meeting.

The budget was approved and it was suggested copies of it should be circulated to each member for his perusal.

The Meeting on Ministry and Council will meet and report at next Monthly Meeting

Evaluation of the series of dialogues held last winter and spring revealed that they were useful to some as a means of getting to know one another at a deeper level. Various kinds of further meetings were considered. It was finally agreed we would attempt a series based upon the Queries. Therefore a series of Friday evening dates were agreed upon:

Oct. 30 - The Meeting School - 7:30 P.M.
Dec. 4 - Griffin & Lois Stabler - 7:30 P.M.
Jan. 1 - George & Peggy Rae - 7:30 P.M.
Feb. 5 - Thelma W. Babbitt - 7:30 P.M.
April 9 - Location to be set later.

The Monthly Meeting was adjourned, purposing to meet again tenth month eleventh 1964 at Rindge, N.H.

Thelma W. Babbitt
Recording Clerk

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
Religious Society of Friends
Rindge, N.H.
Tenth Month 11, 1964

Monthly Meeting for business was called at 11:15 a.m. following regular meeting for Worship on 10th month 10, 1964. It began with a period of meditation. —

The Monthly Meeting welcomed as guests Harold and Sylvia Evans of Philadelphia, members of the Germantown Monthly Meeting (Coulter Street).

I The Minutes of the last Monthly Meeting held Ninth month 12 were read and approved. Elizabeth McGreal offered her home for the Friday evening discussion of Queries scheduled for April 9, 1965.

II Announcements The Clerk, George Rae, made the following announcements:

1. The Annual Meetings of the American Friends Service Committee will be held October 23 and 24 at the Race Street Meeting House in Philadelphia. George Rae, Thelma Babbitt and Robert Hindmarsh will attend. It was suggested that our member Janice Vogel should be encouraged to attend and report to Young Friends afterward.

2. A letter was read from Friends General Conference giving information on material for Religious Education Committees.

3. A letter from Jean Fairfax was read, acknowledging our contribution to the work in Mississippi during the summer. She is AFSC representative there and described the use of our funds in helping to set up the Leake County Center, built by an interracial group this summer.

4. Edwin Hinshaw, Young Friends Secretary, will visit our Monthly Meeting in November.

Friends heard these announcements with interest and approved encouraging Janice Vogel to attend AFSC Annual Meeting.

III Reports - Quarterly Meeting met in the new Meeting House in Amherst. Several suggestions for making Quarterly Meeting more effective were discussed, among them being that Issues should form the basis of business of the Meeting. (Minutes attached.) The new

MONADNOCK MONTHLY MEETING - BUDGET 1964-65

The following budget was approved at Monthly Meeting Ninth month 11, 1964

Yearly Meeting Assessment ($12 each adult)	$120.00
Quarterly Meeting " ($1 " ")	10.00
Friends General Conference ($1 " ")	10.00
Rent to Meeting School for Meeting Room (per year)	[illegible]0.00
Monadnock Council of Churches (membership fee)	5.00
Equalization Fund (NEYM)	15.00
Committees	100.00
Conference & Camp Scholarships	50.00
Miscellaneous	25.00
Total -	$42[illegible].00

Donations to AFSC and FCNL and other organizations will be considered if extra funds are received.

Robert [illegible], Chairman
Finance Committee

Meeting House House is located on Route 63, 7 miles north of Amherst. Meeting for Worship is held each First Day at 11 A. M. Janice Vogel reported that an interesting separate program was held for high school age young people.

Monadnock Council of Churches - It was reported that there will be an exchange of ministers and Roman Catholic priests in Jaffrey, an event welcomed by this Meeting. The Religious Forum to be held at the Unitarian Church in Peterborough, N. H. on May 2 and May 9 will have as speakers Louis Lyons and Howard Thurman.

Meeting on Ministry and Counsel - It was reported this meeting had been held but since the chairman was not present, there was no report. It was hoped this report could be given at next Monthly Meeting.

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A letter of transfer from Plainfield and Rahway, New Jersey Monthly Meeting was received for Griffin and Lois Stabler of Swanzey, New Hampshire. The Meeting heard this with pleasure and accepts them into membership of Monadnock Monthly Meeting. We look forward to continuing fellowship with this family and ask the Meeting on Ministry and Council to visit them and extend an official welcome.

IV - Religious Education Committee It was pointed out by Friends that the discussion meetings were intended to bring Meeting members closer together through a sharing of personal religious experience. In the light of a lack of unity on the subject of religious education for our children, this Committee recommends that an examination of the 9th Query on this subject ~~might~~ be scheduled for the first of the series of Friday Evening discussions.

This recommendation was approved and such a discussion will be held October 30.

This Committee also reported that four students from the Meeting School had agreed to take turns looking after the smallest children from 1 to 3 years of age during Meeting for Worship. The usual fee is 50¢ an hour and this was readily agreed to.

VI The matter of vital statistics for our Monthly Meeting was discussed. We have no complete official records of each individual and family in our membership. Forms published by New England Yearly Meeting are provided and will be distributed to each family head to be properly filled out and returned. Some thought this had been done before and the files will be searched to see if they can be found. In the meantime, forms will be sent out to members.

The Monthly Meeting adjourned at 1:00 P.M. purposing to meet again on Eleventh month 8, 1964 at Rindge N.H.

Thelma W. Babbitt
Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting for Ministry and Counsel
October 3, 1964

After a period of silence, the minutes of Fritz Semmler, of the Quarterly Meetir Ministry and Counsel at the Meeting School, Rindge, New Hampshire, were read and proved.

There being no carry-over of business from the last meeting, two items were pro for consideration: Philip Woodbridge raised the question of ways of strengthen Quarterly Meeting by de-emphasizing its business content and expanding its spir and social aspects. He suggested that much of the business could be handled by mittees and that discussion of topics of vital interest to Friends could be the principal concern of the meeting. There was general approval by the Committee number of topics were suggested.

The other item proposed for consideration of the committee was the procedu counseling with new applicants for membership in Monthly Meetings. Fritz Semml pointed out that this can become merely perfunctory and expressed his feeling t deeper inquiry is more in keeping with the spirit of Friends' worship.

In the discussion of the first proposed item above, the Meeting was united in t thought that the host Meeting at Quarterly Meetings might want to decide on the of discussion if the Quarterly Meeting should adopt this suggestion for a new e It was also felt that the Committee on Ministry and Counsel might be helpful in role as a committee if it were to offer suggestions to the host Meeting.

Since there had been some thought of having such an emphasis on discussion present Quarterly Meeting and a speaker approached on the subject of "the spiri meaning of Friends' witness in the civil rights issue," it was agreed that this mittee recommend this topic to Hartford, our next host Meeting, but leave the f choice of a topic entirely up to Hartford, depending on the interests and talen available to that Meeting.

It was hoped that if this suggestion meets with the approval of Friends, t Meeting would publicize the proposed topic well in advance of the Quarterly Mee and that local Meetings would cancel all special meetings on Quarterly Meeting hopes that a reduction in the conflict of interests would make possible a much attendance at Quarterly Meetings.

As the discussion of other proposed topics continued, the Meeting for Ministry Counsel came to the realization that they were confronted with an opportunity practise just what they intended to recommend. One of the topics, prayer, pro be of such interest that it seemed best to the committee to devote the rest of Meeting on Ministry and Counsel to this subject. The discussion was a long an intimate one and seemed to the committee to constitute one of the most valuabl meetings it had ever had.

Representatives present:

Pleasant Street:	Agnes Harrison
	Ellsworth Nepean
Storrs:	Doris Steinberger
	Clay Steinberger
Middletown:	David McAllester
M.C.Valley:	Philip Woodbridge
	Miriam Zahradnik
	Helen Griffith
	Fritz Kaufhold
	Phyllis Agard
	Margaret Holden
Hartford:	Fritz Semmler
Yearly Mtg.:	Louis Marstaller

Ellsworth Nepean
Recording Clerk pro tem

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
Rindge, N. H.
Nov. 8, 1964

The Monadnock Monthly Meeting for business was held on 11th month 8 at 11:15 a.m. at Rindge, N.H., opening with a brief period of meditation.

The Minutes of last Monthly Meeting were read. It was noted that Minute III reporting transfer of membership for Lois and Griffin Stabler should read "and family." With this amendment the Minutes were approved.

I Announcements - The Clerk made the following announcements for the interest of the Meeting: 1) The New Hampshire Council of Churches has invited religious groups to meet with J. Oscar Lee of the Dept. of Racial and Cultural Relations of the National Council of Churches on Monday Nov. 9 at the Pembroke Conference Center, to discuss establishing a department of Racial & Cultural Relations in the N. H. Council of Churches. Our meeting will be represented by Thelma Babbitt. 2) It was announced that the Monadnock Council of churches is compiling a list of resources to be made available to churches in the area. Speakers, films and so on from AFSC will be listed in the directory. 3) Yearly Meeting Committee Day will be held on Saturday, Nov. 21 at Friends Center, Cambridge.

II Prayer Vigil - The Five Years Meeting has invited our Monthly Meeting to join in a Chain of Prayer series of around-the-clock vigils to "Undergird the need for Friends to give Christian Witness to a world in turmoil." They propose to hold these from January 1, ~~165~~ to Easter April 18, 1965. Each Monthly Meeting is to be assigned a 24-hour period in which to carry on a prayer vigil to fit into the chain.

After lengthy discussion our Meeting asked the Clerk to seek clarification of the proposal from Five Years Meeting and in the meantime Friends were urged to give serious thought as to our participation in this vigil and be prepared to take it up again at next Monthly Meeting.

III Vital Statistics - The forms sent to each member are coming in well from resident and non-resident members and a new membership list will be prepared and sent to each member and attender.

IV Ministry and Council - A meeting was held this month, during which the matter of encouraging students to attend Meeting for Worship was considered. It was thought that the present practice of announcing it on Saturday and inviting students to attend ~~is~~ sufficient. The day student and his family will also be invited to come to Meeting.

The Meeting heard with pleasure that the Clerk, George Rae and Victoria Rae for the Meeting on Ministry & Council had had a most pleasant visit with our new members Griffin and Lois Stabler and their three children. An official welcome was there extended to this family, into membership in this Monthly Meeting.

V A letter from Philip & Virginia Towle has been received, asking to have a Sojourning Membership Minute sent for their family to Javan Amagune, Clerk of the Chavakali Monthly Meeting in Margoli, ~~East~~ Kenya, East Africa. Since they are attending this meeting regularly, they wish to be more formally associated with it.

The Clerk was asked to write such a Minute to the Chavakali Monthly Meeting, placing this family in its care as sojourning members.

VI Report on AFSC Annual Meeting - It was suggested we set a time following meeting for Worship on Nov. 22 to hear a report on this.

VII Friday Evening Discussion December 4 - It was agreed that we would begin with an evaluation of our discussion of Query 9 on October 30, followed by a discussion of the First Query. This will be held at the home of Griffin & Lois Stabler at 7:30 P.M. December 4.

VIII Edwin Hinshaw, Young Friends Secretary - described his understanding of the work he is undertaking among Young Friends of New England Yearly Meeting. He finds communication is a problem because of the widely differing backgrounds of their families and of their being so scattered geographically. Thus he feels his first job is to get to know the nature of each Monthly Meeting within the N.E.Y.M.

His work is basically with some 50 to 60 ~~yo~~ teen-age young people. He will encourage them to get to know what each other thinks and to be sensitive to differences. He feels stongly that the youth groups, however, should not be set apart but should be an integral part of the Monthly Meeting. There must be a meshing of adult and youth concerns so our witness can have a greater impact. He believes each Monthly Meeting must decide how best to use the services of the Young Friends Secretary.

His approach thus far is in the experimental stage of developing pilot projects. He is beginning his work with several basic assumptions. One important one is: that to change people you must change the culture they live in. How best can this be done?

He feels this Yearly Meeting with its diversity may be able to provide experimental leadership for other Friends Meetings. Some ways this can be done may be by fuller use of religious drama based on the historic church, by stimulating discussions in depth based upon contemporary writing such as Sartre's "No Exit," and by other projects designed to deepen and broaden their thinking. He mentioned that Sandwich Quarterly Meeting is trying to create a Campus Center ~~which~~ at the new college there, where courses might be offered on the philosophy and techniques of non-violence, on Bible study and so on.

The Meeting thanked Edwin Hinshaw for coming to us, and hoped ways may be found for useful work with our young people.

The Meeting adjourned at 1 P.M. purposing to meet again at 11:15 A.M. on 12th month 13, at Rindge, N. H.

Thelma W. Babbitt, Recording Clerk.

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
Religious Society of Friends
Rindge, N. H.

The Monadnock Monthly Meeting for business was held on 12th Month 13, 1964 at Rindge, New Hampshire, opening with a brief period of meditation.

I The minutes of last Monthly Meeting were read. The following corrections were noted:

1) Under Minute IV, report of Ministry + Counsel, the last sentence should read "... her family will be invited, etc..."

2) Under Minute VIII, the report of Young Friends Secretary Edwin Hinshaw, the first sentence should read as follows for clarification: "He feels the New England Yearly Meeting, with its diversity of membership, may be able to provide experimental leadership for other Yearly Meetings."

With these corrections the Minutes were approved.

II Report of the Clerk - George Rae reported no answer has been received as yet from Five Years Meeting, to his inquiry for clarification of their proposal for a series of Prayer Vigils as discussed at last Monthly Meeting under Minute II. This was therefore put over again until the next Monthly Meeting.

Several members had attended the Annual Meeting of the American Friends Service Committee in Philadelphia October 23 + 24. ~~In view of the pressure of time, we agreed to hold~~ A special report session and discussion of this was held following Meeting for Worship on November 22. In this connection, Colin Bell's message at the close of the Annual Meeting was mentioned as being especially inspiring. It is entitled "The Pricelessness of Sparrows." Most members expressed the wish to have a copy. Helen Bliss agreed to make duplicate copies for each member. It was also suggested we might ask the Monadnock Council of Churches to send a copy to each of their member churches. Joel Hayden, as President, ~~of the Monadnock Council,~~ was asked to explore this with the council.

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as driving conditions were extremely hazardous, the Friday Evening discussion scheduled for December 4 at the Stablers, was cancelled. The schedule for future discussions was revised as follows:

January 1, 1965 - at the home of Griffin and Lois Stabler.
January 29 - at the home of George and Pepper Rae.
April 9 - at the home of Elizabeth McGreal

In case of bad weather, these discussions will be held at The Meeting School in Rindge since it seems more centrally located for all. At the first session on January 1, there will be an evaluation of the first discussion session on Query 9 regarding religious education of our children, followed by a discussion of Query 1.

A report of the meeting at Pembroke Conference Center to set up a division of Racial and Cultural Relations in the New Hampshire Council of Churches was postponed because of pressure of time, until January 3 after meeting for Worship.

III George Rae spoke of having received a pamphlet published by the Committee for Non-violent Action (CNVA) describing the conditions of poverty in the world. It quoted shocking statistics gathered from reports made by agencies connected with the United Nations. He expressed deep concern that this Monthly Meeting try to devise ways of bringing this pamphlet to the attention of a wider audience who might not be likely to know of these conditions. Various methods for doing this most effectively were discussed.

The Clerk was asked to find out prices for various quantities of this pamphlet and to bring this information back to the next Monthly Meeting, together with suggestions of how best to inform the public of these serious conditions.

IV Easter Prayer Vigil - George Bliss told us he had received a communication from Penelope Turton on behalf of the Peace & Social Concerns Committee of New England Yearly Meeting, asking our Meeting to take the lead in arranging a Prayer Vigil on Good Friday, April 16, 1965 in front of the State House in Concord, New Hampshire.

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During discussion of this request, it was brought out that it would seem more appropriate for Friends in Concord to initiate such a vigil. If they do not wish to do so, those from this Meeting who are concerned to participate in an Easter Vigil, might join the group in Boston as has been done other years.

It was agreed that this request should be referred back to Penelope Turton with these suggestions, and, in light of developments, a decision can be ~~made~~ had at next Monthly Meeting as to how we will respond to the Easter Vigil proposal.

The Meeting adjourned at 12:30 P.M. purposing to meet again at 11:15 a.m. on 1st month 10, 1965. It was suggested and approved that we plan for a buffet luncheon together following the Meeting for Business.

— Thelma W. Babbitt
Recording Clerk

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
Rindge, N. H.
Jan. 10, 1965

The Monadnock Monthly Meeting for business was held on 1st month 10, 1965 at Rindge, N. H. It opened with a period of meditation.

I The Minutes of the last Monthly Meeting were read and approved.

II The Clerks' Report - With reference to Minute III of the 12th month 13 business meeting regarding a pamphlet produced by CNVA (Committee on Non-Violent Action) on world poverty, there is no report at this time but information will be gathered and reported on at next Monthly Meeting

The Clerk reported that a Friday evening discussion was held as planned on Jan 1, 1965 at the home of Griffin & Lois Stabler. Those present agreed that no evaluation of the previous meeting on Query 9 would be attempted. The discussion therefore centered on Query #1. Several felt it a distinctly valuable exchange of views and some believed it led to a deeper understanding of the Query and of one another. Another such discussion will be held on Friday evening Jan 29, 1965 at the home of George and Peggy Rae in Petersham, Mass. The subject to be considered will be Query #2.

III Committee Reports - The Clerk asked for guidance as to whether Committees should be asked to report at each Monthly Meeting or less frequently. Discussion brought out that some Committees, such as the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel, meet on their own initiative on matters of importance to the state of our Meeting. Other Committees, such as the Finance and Nominating Committees, meet less frequently and perhaps should be asked to report only periodically.

It was agreed that toward the end of each Monthly Meeting, the Clerk would ask each Committee Chairman if he has anything to report. Thus, opportunity would be given for important matters to come before the Monthly Meeting as necessary.

IV Treasurer's Report - Robert Hindmarsh reported that he had paid our rent to the Meeting School, the pledges to Quarterly and Yearly Meetings and to Friends General Conference, as well as other obligations. He reported having received a letter of appreciation from Friends General Conference for our contribution and reminding us they stood ready to help in any way they could to strengthen our Meeting.

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This report was accepted with thanks.

V Monadnock Youth Council - Janice Vogel told us that this group has decided to meet in a different location each time so as to encourage wider participation in its activities. Janice will attend with one or two other students from the Meeting School.

VI Caravan Theatre - Robert Hindmarsh informed us that the New England College Program of AFSC is initiating a new summer project called Caravan Theatre. It combines the presentation of a drama built on current important issues, followed by participation of the audience. The directors of the drama will be Barbara & Stan Edelson. James Howard, AFSC College Secretary is responsible for bookings. Thus far no specific way of handling audience participation has been worked out. Robert Hindmarsh asked whether the Meeting would sponsor a booking for this project sometime during July or August.

Considerable discussion ensued as to what responsibility, if any, the Meeting might be willing to take. Suggestions made, including that of asking the Amos Fortune Forum series' officials if they would be interested in including it, using a local person as a moderator. It was also wondered whether the Monadnock Council of Churches might add this as a summer event, in addition to their two speakers in May. Some felt the Crotched Mountain Center might sponsor an appearance.

It was felt more precise information was needed from James Howard as to how the audience discussion would be handled. George and Helen Bliss agreed to explore these possibilities and to report back at our next Monthly Meeting.

VII Dept. of Racial & Cultural Relations - Thelma Babbitt reported on a meeting held at the Pembroke Conference Center Nov. 13, by the N. H. Council of Churches to consider establishing a Dept. of Racial & Cultural Relations within the N. H. Council of Churches. Some 70 persons attended representing many protestant denominations in various parts of the state. Almost no Negroes were present, a situation which was explained by the statement there were so few Negro churches in N. H. Several of the ministers who went to Mississippi this summer were there and introduced. The featured speaker was J. Oscar Lee, head of the Dept. of Racial & Cultural Relations of the National Council of Churches. He described the functions and possible activities of such a department, and emphasized that the church - even if belatedly, is playing a vital role in advancing civil rights for all people. He claimed the voice of the church is more powerful than is realized and called special attention to the 400 ministers who went to Miss. last summer to work beside the students.

Toward the end of this discussion Oscar Lee pointed out that there is great urgency for people to realize that they need to be alert, not only to overt prejudice and discrimination but also to the role poverty plays in preventing people from exercising or enjoying their rights. He claims we just don't see the connection and that we must look at it.

Those present seemed to be enthusiastic about establishing such a department and it seems likely it will be done. The details and framework for such a department will be worked out at a Conference on Race Relations to be held at Geneva Point, Lake Winnipesaukee July 3 to 10, 1965.

It was hoped this Meeting might send a representative to this Conference in July but, because of pressure of time, there was no discussion of this matter.

The Meeting was adjourned at 12:30 P.M. purposing to meet again second month 14, at Rindge, N. H.

The Meeting was followed by a pot-luck dinner.

Thelma W. Babbitt,
Recording Clerk

CONNECTICUT VALLEY QUARTERLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

Sunday, February 7, 1965

HARTFORD MEETING HOUSE
144 South Quaker Lane
West Hartford, Conn.

10:00 A.M.	Ministry and Counsel Discussion of actual practices of our monthly meetings in accepting new members.
11:00 A.M.	Meeting for Worship Music and Story Hour for children through 6th grade.
12:00	Young Friends (Jr. and Sr. High School) meet in Activity Room for Hootenanny style "get-together."
12:45 P.M.	Lunch ($1.20 for adults and Young Friends) Children through 6th grade will be provided with a sandwich lunch at no charge.
2:00 P.M.	Program: Honey Knopp of Westport, Conn., will report on "A Venture in Racial Reconciliation in Mississippi." Young Friends will join in attendance.
3:15 P.M.	Meeting for Business.

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Children will be cared for from 10:00 A.M. on. There will be a special program for children through grade 6 in the afternoon.

Friends who may need overnight hospitality will please inform Alice Fox.

Luncheon Reservation

To be returned by February 2 to Alice Fox
26 Westmoreland Drive
West Hartford 7, Conn.
(Tel. (203) 236-1157)

I (We) should like reservations for lunch at Quarterly Meeting on February 7 for

________ Adults and Young Friends

________ Children, 6th grade and under

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
Religious Society of Friends
Rindge, N. H.

The Monadnock Monthly Meeting for business was held on second month 14, 1965 at Rindge, N. H. The meeting opened with a period of quiet meditation.

I The Minutes of the last Monthly Meeting were read and approved, with one correction noted in the wording of Minute V. This should read "... The New Hampshire Council of Churches Youth groups are meeting on a regional basis so as to encourage wider participation in their activities."

II The Clerk's Report A) A Conference on "The Spiritual Basis of Friends' Concerns" will be held at Woolman Hill, 4th month 23 to 25 under the joint auspices of several ~~the~~ New England Yearly Meeting Committees, the American Friends Service Committee and Beacon Hill Friends House.

B) With further regard to the CNVA pamphlet on world-wide poverty mentioned in Minute #III of the Meeting for Business held on 12th month 13, 1964, the Clerk made the following suggestions for its distribution:

1) Encourage the N. H. Council of Churches to send it out to constituent members.
2) Enclose it with any mailings made by this Monthly Meeting.
3) Make a special mailing by this Monthly Meeting.
4) Set up a sub-committee to mail it to radio, TV and newspapers.
5) Individuals to send copies to political representatives.
6) The Monthly Meeting could arrange for a special public meeting built around the contents of the pamphlet.
7) The Monthly Meeting could underwrite the cost of sending it to the AFSC mailing list if possible.
8) Members of Meeting could give a copy to friends.
9) Give copies to service clubs, PTAs, etc.
10) Ask merchants, doctors and dentists and gas stations to have a supply on counters.

Inasmuch as most members had not read the pamphlet, it was suggested ~~that~~ further consideration be deferred until members had read it. Joel Hayden agreed to ask whether the N. H. Council of Churches would send it out with their mailings.

C) It was reported that a Friday evening discussion group was held on 1st month 29 at the home of George and Pepper Rae. Friends who attended felt it was a useful occasion and expressed warm appreciation for the generous hospitality extended by the Raes. The next Friday evening discussion will be held at the home of Elizabeth McGreal on 4th month 9. Discussion will center on Query #4.

III Caravan Theatre Project - With further reference to minute #VI of the last Meeting for Business, Helen Bliss reported she had talked with those responsible for planning the Amos Fortune Forum series and found their schedule already completed for the coming season. Further, they felt this was not something they could handle. Helen recommended James Howard of AFSC explore with Larry Kamarck, public relations director of Crotched Mountain Center, the possibility of their sponsoring an appearance of the Caravan Theatre.

The Meeting would like to be kept informed as to results of this exploration to see whether we can be of further assistance in encouraging a performance in the Monadnock area.

IV Report of Quarterly Meeting - Helen Bliss and Thera Hindmarsh attended and reported that Meeting on Ministry and Council considered the topic of "How do you receive new members?" In general, most of those present felt new members should be true seekers, regardless of their stage of seeking. Some were uneasy lest atheists might thus become members. There was discussion of at what age junior members should become full members. Some Meetings follow the practice of considering young people associate members until the age of 25 years, then they are full members but there was no consensus.

At the business meeting, Honey Knopp told of her visits of personal concern to Mississippi in August and October. She was accompanied by Virginia Apsey and they talked mostly with white southern women. She told of a group called "Womenpower Unlimited" who are supporting 75 Negro families whose children are integrating the all white schools. They are helping with clothing and transportation as well as with moral encouragement. She noted that these are nearly always children of a lower economic group, inasmuch as the middle and higher income families are reluctant to take the risk involved.

Louise Marstaller reported that new property has been acquired by China camp and urged Friends to send their children to this camp for two week periods during July and August.

V Concerns - A) George Bliss told us that Charles Harker of FCNL will be at the Meeting School on second month 24 and will be available at 7:30 that evening to meet with members and their friends.

B) George Bliss also spoke again of his + Helen's leading a group of Young Friends on a Pilgrimage and workcamp in England and Scotland this summer. Their son Jerry Bliss has indicated a desire to go and has been accepted as a member of the group. The total cost will be $700. Some scholarship aid is available from the Friends World Committee.

This Meeting was asked whether they would contribute scholarship aid for Jerry to go. It was noted that our budget contains provision for scholarship aid only for attending New England Yearly Meeting, Conferences and camps. There is a budget item allocated to "Concerns" and the suggestion was made $50 of this be used for this purpose.

It was agreed that the Treasurer should be asked to do this and it was further suggested that individuals should feel free to contribute additional funds to the Meeting earmarked for scholarship aid to enable Jerry Bliss to join the Young Friends Pilgrimage.

c) The matter of hymn singing before Meeting for Worship was mentioned. Some expression of uneasiness with this practice was voiced during the last Friday evening discussion. Varying views brought out during consideration of this concern, showed that some felt it interfered with the mood of worship and others felt it helped. One suggestion was that the Meeting for Worship be extended a full hour beyond the singing. There being no agreement, further discussion was put over until the next Monthly Meeting

The Meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m. purposing to meet again on third month 14, 1965 at Rindge, N.H.

Thelma W. Babbitt
Recording Clerk

Statistics for Monadnock Monthly Meeting for 1964

PLEASE READ BEFORE FILLING OUT

When Monthly Meetings consist of more than one Particular Meeting, each particular meeting should fill out a blank for the Monthly Meeting. Each Monthly Meeting should make up its report from the Particular Meeting reports, where more than one Particular Meeting is involved; otherwise use only the "Monthly Meeting" blank for making up its report to the Quarterly Meeting. The "Quarterly Meeting" blank is to be used in making a summary of the several Monthly Meeting reports. All reports SHOULD BE RECORDED IN FULL DETAIL.

	Particular Meetings			Totals
1. Number of Members last year, DEC 31 1963				30
2. Additions due to Omissions in last year's Report, DEC 31 1963				
3. Additions by Birth,				1
4. Additions by Request, including from another Denomination,				2
5. Additions by Certificate from another Friends Meeting,				5
6. Total Additions,				38
7. Loss due to Removal of persons included by Error in last year's Report, DEC 31 1963				-
8. Loss by Death,				-
9. Loss by Discontinuance, Resignation, or Disownment,				-
10. Loss by Certificate to another Friends Meeting,				-
11. Loss by Letter to another Denomination,				-
12. Total Loss,				-
13. Number of Members this Year, DEC 31 1964				38
14. Net Gain,				8
15. Net Loss,				-
16. Number of Males,				19
17. Number of Females,				19
18. Number under 21 years of age,				19
19. Number of Junior Members,				15
20. Number of Junior Members Transferred to Active Membership,				2
21. Number of Resident Members,				24
22. Number of Non-Resident Members,				14
23. Average Attendance at Sunday Worship (estimate),				40
24. Average Attendance of Children at Sunday School,				-
25. Average Attendance of Adults at Sunday School,				-
26. Number of Sunday School Classes.				-

PROVE ALL FIGURES AND TOTALS AS SUGGESTED BELOW.

SUGGESTIONS.—To be sure that no mistakes occur in this report, observe the following.

1. See that No. 1 is correct as it was reported last year. If a mistake in last year's figures has been discovered since then, call it "Additions due to Omissions in last year's Report," (see No. 2) or "Loss due to Removal of persons included by Error in last year's Report," (see No. 7), as the case may be, and add or subtract as may be required to make No. 13 on this report exactly correct, then write a brief note of explanation on the report.

2. The addition of Nos. 2, 3, 4, and 5 will give No. 6; and of 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 will give No. 12.

3. If No. 6 is larger than No. 12, subtract No. 12 from No. 6 to obtain No. 14; but if No. 12 is larger subtract No. 6 from No. 12 to obtain No. 15. Of course only one of the numbers 14 and 15 will have figures. If there is a "net gain," add No. 14 to No. 1 to obtain No. 13. If there is a "net loss," subtract No. 15 from No. 1 to obtain No. 13.

4. See that No. 13 is the same as the sum of 16 and 17, and of 21 and 22.

5. Keep your records corrected up to date. Good records make easy reports.

6. Keep on hand a copy of this report for future reference.

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
March 14, 1965

The monthly meeting for business of the Monadnock Monthly Meeting was held on third month 14, 1965 at Rindge, N.H.

The Meeting opened with a period of quiet meditation.

In the absence of the Recording Clerk, Pepper Rae was asked to keep a record of the Minutes of the Meeting.

I The situation in the South - The Clerk suggested this meeting ask the President to ensure the physical safety of the Alabama demonstrators and of all persons everywhere in our country concerned with civil rights and proposed that a telegram be sent. The Clerk read a draft of a proposed telegram. The Meeting approved the text and authorized the Treasurer to pay for the telegram. The text is as follows:

TELEGRAM TO PRESIDENT JOHNSON

The recent and continued outrages to human dignity in our country, north and south, move us to communicate urgently to you our feeling that the race crisis has become so great that Christians cannot, in conscience, stand idly by.

We sympathize with your burden of decision in acting to ensure the physical safety of American citizens exercising and seeking to exercise fundamental rights under a democratic system.

We ask, however, that you consider the use of unarmed soldiers who would go wherever needed as volunteers, as the marchers and demonstrators have done. This imaginative and Christian move would place our Government not merely on the side of justice, but also of non-violence.

We ask this in the firm conviction that the only ultimate protection is that of God, and that the only true change is a change of heart resulting from an appeal to that of God in every man.

George W. Rae, Clerk

II The next discussion group meeting will be held on ~~April~~ 4th month 9, 1965.

III The Meeting approved a Scholarship grant toward the expenses of Gerald Bliss on the Ireland-England trip.

Three announcements were read:

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1) a Conference will be held in Cambridge on ~~March~~ 3rd month 27 on the subject of "The Individual and Mass Society."

2) The National Race Relations Conference is to be held ~~June~~ 6th Month 18 to 21 at Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana. Title: Equality & Justice.

3) New England Yearly Meeting will be held at Pembroke College, Providence R.I. ~~June~~ 6th month 22-26 1965.

The Meeting adjourned at 12 noon, purposing to meet again on fourth month 11, 1965 at Rindge, N. H.

"Pepper" Rae, Acting Recording
Clerk

Monthly Meeting
April 11, 1965

The Monadnock Monthly Meeting for Business was held on 4th month 11, 1965 at Rindge, N.H.

The Meeting opened with a period of quiet worship

The Minutes of both the 2nd month 14 and 3rd month 14, 1965 Meetings for Business were read and approved.

Clerk's Announcements - 1) There will be a prayer vigil held for five hours, before the statue of Mary Dyer in Boston on 4th month 16 from 11 A.M. to 4 P.M. The vigil will be preceded by a briefing session at 9 A.M. and a Meeting for Worship at 10 A.M., at Beacon Hill Friends House in Boston.
2) Quarterly Meeting will be held on 5th month 2, at Connecticut Hall, Yale Campus, New Haven, Conn. Helen Bliss was asked to represent this Meeting at that time.

The Clerk then called for Committee Reports. Robert Hindmarsh ~~the~~ Treasurer, reported a balance of $258.45 on hand in the bank. There remain several items to be paid before the end of our fiscal year, after which it appears there will be a balance remaining of about $75.

The Treasurer reminded us that when the budget was drawn up it was agreed that certain concerns might be presented and allocations made from funds set aside for this purpose. He also mentioned that last year this Meeting contributed $25 toward efforts in Civil Rights in Mississippi.

It was brought out that many Meetings have contributed Memorial Gifts ~~to~~ the James J. Reeb funds, set up after his death last month in Alabama where he went to witness with those seeking freedom to vote. He was director of the AFSC Greater Boston Low-Income Housing Program.

Thelma Babbitt was asked to explain the various types of funds set up after James Reeb's death. The AFSC is administering two types of memorial funds: 1) The Family Aid Fund, which will aid the Reeb family as necessary but will also

(cont.) be available to other individuals and families who have suffered or may suffer as a result of their struggles in the Civil Rights Movement 2) A Jas.
Reeb Memorial Fund to carry on the work he had begun in Roxbury - North Dorchester and which will be continued.

After considerable discussion, it was agreed to contribute $50 toward the work James Reeb was doing at the time of his death.

A sub-committee was asked to consider the possibility of an additional contribution to the Family Aid Fund. One member also suggested this sub-committee also consider a contribution to the Friends Committee on National Legislation. They are to bring in a recommendation to the next Monthly Meeting.

Nominating Committee - The Clerk reminded us that the Nominating Committee should be prepared to bring in a slate of recommendations at the next Meeting for Business, for Clerk, Recording Clerk, Treasurer, and for ~~Worship~~ Ministry and ~~Ministry~~ Counsel. They should also suggest names for a new Nominating Committee. The members of the present Nominating Committee are: Robert Hindmarsh, Pepper Ral and Thelma Babbitt. Inasmuch as Thelma will be away for the next three weeks, Lois Stabler was asked to serve in her place.

It was suggested that last year's Meeting on Ministry and Counsel make an evaluation of their work and bring in a recommendation to the next Meeting for Business, as to whether this body should be continued and if so, suggestions as to directions, needs and so on.

Discussion Meeting Series The last in the series of Friday evening discussions was held on 4th month 9 at Rindge, N.H. Those present felt they had been useful. There was ~~due~~ consideration given as to whether further meetings of this kind should be scheduled. After several expressions of opinion on when, what kind, where and how frequently they should take place, it was agreed

(Cont) that a meeting be scheduled for 5th month 14, at Rindge N.H. at 8 P.M. to plan for future such evenings, taking into account the several suggestions and ideas presented.

There being no other business, this meeting adjourned at 12:40 P.M. purposing to meet again on 5th month 9, at Rindge, N.H.

Thelma W. Babbitt
Recording Clerk

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
May 9, 1965

The Monadnock Monthly Meeting for business was held on fifth month 9, 1965 at Rindge, N. H.

The Meeting opened with a period of quiet meditation.

I The minutes of last monthly meeting were read and approved.

II Clerks Announcements - 1) The Good Friday prayer vigil was held as planned in front of the State House in Boston on fourth month 16. Griffin Stabler and George Rae from this Meeting attended the vigil and reported it seemed to them a sincere meeting of prayerful Friends. About 200 participated. The press coverage emphasized the spiritual aspect of the vigil. The Peace Committee of New England Yearly Meeting ~~will~~ recommends the vigil continue next year and will seek the approval of the Yearly Meeting.

2) There will be a vigil, ~~on Viet Nam~~ sponsored by the Inter-religious Committee on Viet Nam, on Fifth month 11 and 12 in front of the Pentagon in Washington, D. C. Friends are encouraged to participate.

III Report of Quarterly Meeting - George and Helen Bliss attended as did Janice Vogel. Helen reported on a film entitled "Religious Symbolism." A brief comparison of symbols of the three major religious groups was presented. She felt the section on Jewish Symbolism was extremely well done; the Catholic and Protestant sections less so. George reported that the Business Meeting re-appointed Curtis Johnson, Clerk, & Wendell Clipper, Recording Clerk. Helen and George Bliss were appointed representatives from the Monadnock Monthly Meeting to

George also reported that the matter of re-forming Quarterly Meetings was discussed. The proposal is to form them along State lines. The response was negative, many expressing the desire to have the grouping remain as it is. One reason given for this proposed change is ~~that~~ some feel Friends could speak thru the State Councils of Churches more effectively.

~~The Meeting agreed to [illegible] discussion of this matter [illegible]~~

~~until next Monthly Meeting~~

It was reported that China Camp needs young men for counselor volunteers.

The Quarterly Meeting approved a grant of $75 for Jerry Bliss to help pay for his expenses this summer when he joins the Young Friends Pilgrimage to England. It was also agreed that Quarterly Meeting would prepare a Traveling Minute for George & Helen Bliss and for Jerry Bliss when they go abroad this summer.

George Bliss also reported on the "J.K.L. Fund" (J. Katherine Lewis) of $800, of which George is a Trustee. They are accepting applications for next year for help in attending secondary private schools. The Fund is not limited to Friends from the Conn. Valley area but preference would probably be given to applications from that area. Friends were encouraged to replenish this Fund since the principal is used for allocations.

The Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Council reminded Helen and George Bliss that no report had yet been received from this Monthly Meeting as to its spiritual condition. This is the year the Quarterly Meeting is expected to report to Yearly Meeting on this matter.

~~It was agreed we should hold a special meeting to consider the spiritual condition of our Meeting so that a report may be sent to Quarterly Meeting.~~

It was announced there would be no August Quarterly Meeting this year. The Fall Quarterly Meeting will be held on Tenth month 3, 1965 at Mt. Toby Meeting and will be a 2-day event, beginning Saturday evening and lasting thru Sunday afternoon.

IV The Blisses expressed the hope the Monthly Meeting would prepare a Traveling Minute for them this summer. The Meeting agreed to do this and Elizabeth McGreal was asked to write it and bring it before next Monthly Meeting for approval.

V Report of Nominating Committee - Robert Hindmarsh reported for the Committee as follows:

Griffin Stabler - Clerk
Thelma Babbitt - Recording Clerk
Helen Bliss - Treasurer

Meeting on Ministry & Council - Lois Stabler, Elizabeth McGeal, Joel Hayden and Janeal Ravndal; Lois Stabler to act as Convenor until a Chairman is chosen.

Nominating Committee members - George Rae, Pepper Rae, George Bliss

Not all these appointments have been confirmed as yet but the Meeting approved the names as read pending confirmation at next Monthly Meeting.

VI Report of Treasurer - Robert Hindmarsh asked for guidance on a contribution which had been designated for three purposes: 1/3 Regular Meeting Contribution, 1/3 for Jerry Bliss's expenses this summer and 1/3 to F.C.N.L. It was suggested that a note be made indicating this distribution but it was also suggested a Committee be appointed to consider appropriations from our "Concerns" fund in the future. Those agreeing to serve in this capacity were: George Rae, Janeal Ravndal and Thelma Babbitt.

A contribution of $25 to the Yearly Meeting Equalization Fund was approved.

The report of the Treasurer was approved as a whole with the above guidance noted.

VII New Quarterly Meeting Divisions - After a brief discussion, this matter was put over to next Monthly Meeting for fuller consideration.

VIII The New Meeting on Ministry & Council was asked to prepare a minute on Spiritual condition of the Meeting to be sent to the Quarterly Meeting.

IX Concerns - We were reminded of an urgent matter coming before Congress soon: that of ratification of the 2d Conventions on Slavery, Forced Labor;

Rights of Women and Genocide. There seems to be resistance to ratifying these Conventions and Friends were urged to inform themselves of the particulars and to express their views to legislators.

A young man who has been attending this Meeting regularly and who will graduate from the Meeting School this year, has asked to be considered for membership. George Bliss and Thelma Babbitt were asked to meet with Lincoln Cory before next Monthly Meeting and report on their conference for action at the next meeting. Lincoln Cory was asked to send his letter of application to the Clerk.

There being no other business, the Meeting adjourned at 12:40 P.M. purposing to meet again on sixth month 13, 1965.

Thelma W. Babbitt
Recording Clerk

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
June 13, 1965
Rindge, N.H.

The Monadnock Monthly Meeting for business was held on sixth month 13, 1965 at Rindge, N. H.

The Meeting opened with a period of quiet meditation.

The minutes of the last business meeting were read and approved

I A Traveling Minute for George and Helen Bliss was read and approved with minor corrections. It commends the Blisses to the care of Monthly Meetings wherever they may go during their summer trip to the British Isles as leaders of the Young Friends Pilgrimage.

II The Spiritual Condition of Monadnock Monthly Meeting - A report of the spiritual condition of this Meeting, prepared by the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel, was read and discussed at length. After several changes in wording and emphasis it was approved and will be forwarded to the Clerk of the Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting who will then send it to the New England Yearly Meeting. The report reads as follows:

"The spiritual condition of the Monadnock Monthly Meeting has been the subject of regular discussion sessions attended by the majority of its resident membership. We directed our thoughts through the Queries in a deep probing and sharing of our personal lives. No full summary could be given but a few generalizations will suffice:

1. Our members are scattered along the path to a full communion with God.

2. Our search within ourselves is sincere, deep and united in its goal.

The membership in this Meeting seems to be united in its deep concern that our personal and professional lives be a reflection of our spiritual lives. We are searching for practical methods of helping ourselves - discussion groups, personal friendships, daily prayer and Bible reading.

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In our spiritual condition there is always room for improvement. This is something that we and God work at together. Our part is to let *Him* do this work in *us*. This is not easy, because we are accustomed to thinking that *we* are doing the work and are even meant to do the work. We are constantly being taught by the world to be independent, self-sufficient. But the begining of our spiritual development can be measured only from the point where we realize, and start to act upon the fact that without God's help we can do nothing."

III Application for Membership - The Clerk read a letter which had been received from Lincoln Cory, a senior student graduating from the Meeting School this year and a resident of Scarsdale, New York, requesting membership in This Monthly Meeting.

George Bliss and Thelma Babbitt had been asked to visit him and each reported a satisfactory meeting with him. Lincoln Cory has given this matter long and serious thought and wishes to join this Meeting where he is known even though he will be leaving immediately to attend college in Ohio. He seems clear that he is prepared to assume the responsibilities of membership in the Monadnock Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends. His parents, Robert and Sally Cory, are Friends but rather than registering their children as Associate Members at birth, they preferred to leave it to each individual child to make his own decision as to membership in the Society of Friends.

The Meeting welcomed Lincoln Cory into membership and expressed pleasure and satisfaction that he had come to this decision before leaving the School.

IV The Clerk read a letter of thanks from Jerry Bliss for the contribution of $50 toward his expenses this summer when he joins the Young Friends Pilgrimage.

V Changing Quarterly Meeting Boundaries - This subject had been introduced at last monthly meeting. Friends were encouraged to give it thought and come prepared to discuss it at this meeting. George Bliss explained that at this point the suggestion for dividing Quarterly Meetings along State lines was based upon the belief it would make administration easier.

Considerable discussion showed a lack of unity on this and the following Minute was agreed upon:

> This Meeting recommends the present arrangements continue although we are open to future suggestions. Further, we suggest having a summer meeting next year of Monthly Meetings within each State to get acquainted and to discuss matters of common concern in that particular area.

VI This being the last official meeting for our Clerk, he wished to share a concern which had been growing during this past year. He feels he has learned a lot during his service as Clerk. He expressed sincere admiration for the Meeting School community and in harmony with its stated aims and purposes.

However he feels that if the Monadnock Monthly Meeting is to attain a sense of unity and establish itself as an entity, serious consideration should be given to separating itself physically from the School.

He therefore recommends that the new Clerk bring this question before the next Monthly Meeting and further suggests that a building fund should be established, looking toward the day when Monadnock Monthly Meeting can have its own Meeting House.

VII Representation in the Monadnock Council of Churches - Due to the lateness of the hour, this was put over to the next Monthly Meeting.

There being no further urgent business, the Meeting was adjourned, at 12:45 P.M. purposing to meet at the home of Griffin and Lois Stablers' in Swanzey, N. H. for a supper and evening meeting beginning at 6 P. M. ~~Friday September 10, 1965~~ ninth month 10, 1965.

Thelma W. Babbitt
Recording Clerk

September 10, 1965

The Monadnock Monthly Meeting for business was held on ninth month 10, 1965 at 7:30 P.M. in Swanzey, N.H. at the home of Griffin and Lois Stabler.

The Meeting was opened by our new clerk, Griffin Stabler, with a period of quiet meditation.

I The Minutes of the previous Monthly Meeting held sixth month 13, were read and approved.

II Lincoln Cory had been accepted into membership of this Meeting at last Monthly Meeting but he had left immediatly, so it was not possible for other members to visit him nor to extend the usual hospitality. He is now at Wilmington College in Wilmington, Ohio.

> It was agreed the Clerk should send him a note extending greetings from his Meeting and wishing him well in his college work.

III The matter of appointing official delegates to the Monadnock Council of Churches had been carried over from last Monthly Meeting:

> It was agreed that Joel Hayden would represent our Meeting, with the understanding he would call upon an alternate member in case he was unable to attend a meeting of the Council.

IV Jerry Bliss gave us an unusally interesting and lively report of his experiences this past summer as a member of the Young Friends Pilgrimage to the British Isles.

They flew to Glasgow where they were met by Margaret Gibbins and many other Friends who provided most generous hospitality and entertainment during their stay in Scotland.

They went on to Lanashire and stayed at Lancaster Friends School. The group included 14 Young Friends from the United States, 9 from Great Britain, 2 from Holland and 1 each from Africa, Sweden and Denmark. James Drummond of Lancaster Friends School arranged an effective orientation program.

Elfrida Vipont Foulds, Christopher Holdsworth and the Eric Bakers were among the lecturers. The Young Friends felt the Bakers were especially stimulating and effective when they led a discussion on "Problems of modern Quakers".

The group traveled extensively over George Fox country, visiting places most significant in Quaker history: Firbank Fell, Swarthmore Hall, Lancaster Castle and several Meeting Houses in the Lake district and elsewhere. They crossed the Morecambe Sands and climbed Pendle Hill. The Meeting for Worship at Pendle Hill was remembered as being especially meaningful.

These experiences were followed by a Workcamp which helped the group become much more unified. It was held at a school for rejected children at Toddington, Gloucestershire. They dug and connected a sewer ditch, renovated an old greenhouse for a workshop, and generally cleaned and redecorated a number of other parts of the buildings. Many questions vital to Young Friends were discussed, including the position and philosophy of a Conscientious Objector to war. This latter question brought out many spirited differences of opinion, especially with the Young Friends from programmed Meetings in the United States.

Two epistles were written by the Young Friends and are attached to these minutes.

Helen and George Bliss, leaders of the group of Young Friends, told of the incredible outpouring of hospitality and expressions of loving concern for their welfare everywhere they went.

V. The Clerk reminded us that a budget for the coming year needed to be prepared and brought to next Monthly Meeting for approval. The Finance Committee (Helen Bliss, Thelma Babbitt and Jamal Ravndal) was asked to do this. Helen Bliss will convene the Committee.

VI The Clerk called our attention to the concern that had been raised at last Monthly Meeting, that we consider whether the Monadnock Monthly Meeting should be separated from the Meeting School and find a Meeting place outside the School premises. Further, that we consider the possibility of setting up a Building Fund with a view to building a Meeting House at some future date.

George Rae, who had put forward this concern, was asked to speak to it. He repeated his views as recorded in the Minutes of the last Monthly Meeting, and said that he felt Monadnock Monthly Meeting needed to become an entity in itself. Meetings for Worship held in such close propinquity with The Meeting School seemed to lack the spiritual depth needed to promote growth and closeness of members. also that those members living outside the School community often felt they were outsiders and not really a part of the Meeting.

General discussion followed in which each member expressed his views on this important matter. Some agreed that a separation seemed wise and believed that a meeting place entirely under the care of the Monthly Meeting would give a clearer sense of identity, and stimulate a deeper spiritual growth and feeling of unity. They felt too that the outreach into the surrounding communities would be far greater.

Others felt strongly that the lack of spiritual depth was unrelated to where and under what circumstances the Meetings for Worship were held and urged that the Meeting not only should continue to be held on the School premises but that it undertake even closer identification with The School and in effect, use the School itself as its outreach and relate even more closely to the students.

Various places of meeting and plans were discussed but there was no agreement. After lengthy discussion, it was agreed that we would continue to hold our Meetings for Worship in the gathering room of The Meeting School for the time being. However, two new Committees were set up to undertake the responsibility for future development of the meeting.

A Committee of Overseers was appointed. They are Griffin Stabler, George Rae and Janeal Ravndal

A Property Committee was appointed. They are
Helen Bliss and Pepper Rae.

The duties of these Committees will be similar to those outlined in Faith and Practice. The Overseers will have primary responsibility for the discipline of the Meeting.

The Property Committee was charged with ~~the immediate~~ responsibility for the care and preparation of the Meeting room, to see that a fire is laid in the fireplace and to install a mail box in the Meeting room for mail addressed to the Monadnock Monthly Meeting. They were also asked to look into the matter of getting new benches for the Meeting, and possibly a curtain or room divider.

It was agreed that the unspent balance in the concern Fund for last year would be applied toward the purchase of benches and a room divider.

The Meeting on Ministry and Council was urged to meet and consider ways of encouraging greater spiritual growth in our Meeting. It was also suggested they acquire current Quaker literature to have on hand First Day mornings. They were asked to consider the nature and content of possible future discussion meetings and bring recommendations to next Monthly Meeting. Members of this group are: Lois Stahler, convenor, Joel Hayden, Jeaneal Ravndal, and Elizabeth McGreal.

VII Quarterly Meeting will be held tenth month 2 and 3 at Mount Toby Meeting in Amherst. Helen + Jerry Bliss ~~and~~ Thelma Babbitt and Elizabeth McGreal will represent Monadnock Monthly Meeting.

The hour being late, further business was put over and the Meeting adjourned at 11:30 P.M. purposing to meet again tenth month 10, 1965 at Rindge, N.H.

Thelma H. Babbitt
Recording Clerk

QUAKER YOUTH PILGRIMAGE 1965

Epistle for the fortnight spent by the Quaker Youth Pilgrims in Lancaster, England. (17th - 31st July)

In the last fortnight of July, Young Friends from Denmark, Holland, Sweden, East Africa, the United States of America and Britain met under the guidance of James Drummond at the Friends' School, Lancaster. During this period great feeling of fellowship was built up through our discussions, meetings and leisure activities, which was heightened by a common search for truth.

Many places of historical interest were visited, and climbing Pendle Hill, crossing the Sands of Morecambe Bay and meeting for worship on Firbank Fell were felt to be outstanding occasions in an interesting and varied study of the George Fox country. Throughout our stay in the North-West, great hospitality was shown to us by local Friends wherever we went. We were able to repay the kindness of these Friends by entertaining them to a social evening. We were left with a much more vivid appreciation of our Quaker heritage, and found in the courage and social concern of the early Quakers a message still relevant today.

A series of challenging lectures covered the development of Quakerism from its origin to the present day. Elfrida Vipont Foulds spoke of the first seekers of the seventeenth century, Christopher Holdsworth on the state of the Society of Friends in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, and Eric Baker of the present day problems we are facing. Our discussion periods proved to be very valuable and the lectures served in many cases to clarify and articulate our own personal feelings.

Some found it difficult to accept the traditional concept of an omnipotent God, and felt it easier to experience God in love and truth, letting our "lives speak." By basing them on these fundamentals we hope to grow to a fuller understanding of the nature of God.

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Epistle from Toddington Work Camp

The work camp which was a continuation of the Pilgrimage took place at Toddington Grange in Gloucestershire, a prospective home for psychologically retarded children. The work to be accomplished included the digging of a trench for sewage purposes, the renovation of a large greenhouse, the decorating of the interior and exterior, foundations for a new classroom and the general tidying up of the whole property. The work was worthwhile and satisfying and we all felt a sense of accomplishment at our achievements in the general preparation of the house and grounds.

A spirit of worship was continued throughout the work camp and evening meetings for worship, talks and discussions were again helpful. Social activities included exchange meetings with an International Voluntary Service camp nearby and a pleasant Sunday was spent with Cheltenham Friends.

CHRIS SEWELL (Clerk)
ROSEMARY BARLOW (Asst.Clerk)

October 10, 1965

The Monadnock Monthly Meeting for business met on tenth month 10, 1965 at the rise of Meeting for Worship at 11:15 A.M. in Rindge, N.H.

The Meeting began with a period of meditation.

I The Minutes of the previous Monthly Meeting for Business were read and approved with one correction noted in Minute II. It should read "The Clerk agreed to write a note to Wilmington Monthly Meeting asking that they welcome our member Lucille Cory into the fellowship of their Meeting as an attender."

This correction has been made

II The Property Committee reported that arrangements have been made for cleaning the Meeting Room, lighting a fire in the fireplace, welcoming visitors and putting literature out on display. A list of dates will be posted assigning these duties to members in rotation. Several attenders agreed to act as alternates in performing these duties if necessary.

Helen Bliss reported they have been gathering information on a room divider and a plant suitable for the Meeting Room. After discussion, the Property Committee agreed to move forward toward getting suitable equipment to make the room more comfortable.

A garment rack has been purchased and information on benches is being gathered. Griffin Stabler indicated his company can manufacture these benches if the Meeting wishes this done. Further information will be brought to next Monthly Meeting

III The Budget Committee presented a budget for this year. It makes provision for beginning a small Fund for Building & Development. A discussion concerning non-resident members led to a decision that we should write a letter to each active member, non-resident member and regular attender, enclosing a copy of the budget, explaining how it is made up and encouraging contributions to meet these obligations.

The Budget was approved and a copy is attached herewith.

IV The Clerk announced that Framingham Preparative Meeting is holding a special ~~Meeting~~ Opening of its new Meeting House on First Day Tenth Month 31 at 3:30 P.M. They cordially invite Friends from our Meeting to join them.

V Ministry and Council reported very briefly, due to lack of time for full discussion. A very useful meeting was held to discuss the Spiritual life of our Meeting and has several significant recommendations to make to the Monthly Meeting.

There was time for discussion of only one of these recommendations – that Monthly Meeting continue to meet on second First Day each month following rise of the meeting for Worship but that only business needing ~~t~~ immediate action or of a routine nature should be taken up. However, they recommend an adjourned Meeting for Business to take place of an evening every five or six weeks to allow for liesurely and thoughtful consideration of important matters before the Meeting. Further, they recommend we undertake to study a book or pamphlet of a spiritual nature at each of these adjourned Meetings. Ministry and Council will arrange for each member to receive a copy of the book or pamphlet in advance.

The first of these adjourned Meetings was set for 11th month 6, 1965 at The Meeting School. Further consideration of the report of Ministry and Council will be given at this adjourned session. This will be followed by discussion of the book chosen by Ministry & Council. It is hoped these longer Meetings will help in the spiritual growth of our Meeting and will develop an effective vocal ministry.

The Meeting was adjourned at 12:30 P.M. purposing to meet at an adjourned session 11th month 6, 1965. Regular Monthly Meeting will be held on 11th month 14, 1965.

Budget-1965/1966

MONADNOCK MONTHLY MEETING BUDGET 1965-66

The following budget was approved at Monthly Meeting Session Tenth Mo.10,1965:

Yearly Meeting Assessment ($12 each adult)		$ 240.
Quarterly Meeting " ($1 " ")		20.
Friends General Conference ($5 " ")		100.
Rent for Meeting Room, The Meeting School		50.
Monadnock Council of Churches Membership		5.
Equalization Fund for Yearly Meeting		25.
Concerns:	American Friends Service Committee Friends Comm on National Legislation Woolman Hill Friends World College	100.
Conferences and Camp Scholarships		50.
Care for Meeting children		35.
Advertising in Friends Journal		25.
Miscellaneous		25.
Property Maintenance and Improvement		135.
	Total	$ 810.

MONADNOCK MONTHLY MEETING OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY
OF FRIENDS
Rindge, New Hampshire

December 12, 1965

Dear Friends:

This is just a friendly newsletter to bring our members up to date on what their Meeting is doing. We are continuing our evening sessions every other month in order to more fully discuss special concerns and do other Meeting business. We began with a version of the Quaker Dialogue, and this month are starting a new discussion with the Pendle Hill pamphlet, "A Joint and Visible Fellowship" by Beatrice Saxon Snell as our centering point.

Uppermost in our minds and a special concern is the tragedy of Vietnam. Our Meeting has responded to the Call for a sustained six-months effort on Vietnam made by the Friends Coordinating Committee on Peace. We have appointed a Committee on Vietnam and they have acted on our protest of a sign erected in Keene which says the citizens of Keene support the present policy in Vietnam. We have had excellent newspaper coverage of our protest both in Keene and in Peterborough. Still our effort seems so small when compared to the terrible suffering of the peoples on both sides.

We are including our budget figures which show an item for Property Maintenance and Improvement. This is a result of a united concern that we need to take more responsibility for facilities of our Meeting Room. Expenditures will eventually include our own benches. You will note also that half of our membership is non-resident, and our Yearly Meeting Assessment is based on the full financial quota. We hope therefore that Friends will respond accordingly.

An up to date list of our membership and attenders is also included.

Seasons Greetings to one and all.

Sincerely,

Griffin Stabler, Clerk
Thelma Babbitt, Recording Clerk
Helen L. Bliss, Treasurer

Membership List
1965-66

MONADNOCK MONTHLY MEETING
RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

Rindge, N.H.

MEMBERSHIP AND ATTENDER
LIST - December 1965.

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BABBITT, Thelma W.	Prospect Hill, Hancock, N.H.
BLISS, George I. and Helen L. Gerald H. Margaret N.	Thomas Road, Rindge, N.H.
HAYDEN, Joel	Thomas Road, Rindge, N.H.
McGREAL, Elizabeth Yates	Shieling, Peterborough, N.H.
RAE, George W. and Victoria C.	Athol Road, Petersham, Mass.
RAVNDAL, Janeal T.	Thomas Road, Rindge, N.H.
STABLER, Griffin and Lois K. Stephen R. David G. Lael E.	RD 2, Winchester, N.H. (mailing address) Swanzey, N.H. (home)
TOWLE, Philip and Virginia T. Kevin A. KarenE. Glenn E.1 Chandra L. Hannah O.	Chavakali School, P.O. 144 Margoli, Kenya. (temporarily out of country. Sojourning members at Chakavali Mo.Mtg.)

__Non-Resident Members__

BLISS, Ernest L.	410 Elmwood Ave., Ithaca, N.Y.
BLISS, G. Scribner	Yampa Valley College, Steamboat Springs, Colo.
CONNELLY, Janet	Tanguy Homesteads, Cheyney, Pa.
CORY, Lincoln	Wilmington Collgge, Wilmington, Ohio.
HINDMARSH, Robert G. and Thera F. Elizabeth A. Walter G. Alison T. Thomas F.	20 Holden Wood Road, Concord, Mass.
Jacob, A. Kirk	253 S. 38th St., Philadelphia, Pa.
KELLY, Paula	Harvey Cedars, N.J. (home) student at U.of P.
LOVELL, Michael L.	W.Chesterfield, N.H.
OLT, Philip	Rockford College, Rockford, Illinois home:312 Aberdeen Ave., Dayton 9, Ohio
VOGEL, Janice	1678 Casitas Ave., Pasadena, Calif.

__Attenders__

Hayden, Hazel Petty	Thomas Road, Rindge, N.H.
Fleming, Donald and Paula	Thomas Road, Rindge, N.H.
Hayden, Ruth P.	Thomas Road, Rindge, N.H.
Klein, Edwin and Katherine	Rindge, N.H.
Davey, Judy	39 Granite St., Peterborough, N.H.
Patterson, Donald and Jane	Thomas Road, Rindge, N.H.
Snell, Thomas and Julie	Thomas Road, Rindge, N.H.
Tolman, Calvin and Dorit	Thomas Road, Rindge, N.H.
Hanson, Herbert	High Mowing School, Wilton, N.H.

Please send any change of address or correction to: Thelma W. Babbitt, Recording Clerk

Membership list – 1965-66

Adjourned Monthly Meeting
Nov. 6, 1965

The adjourned ~~Monthly~~ Meeting for Business of the Monadnock Monthly Meeting was held at Rindge, N.H. on 11th Month 6, 1965 at 7 P.M. following a covered dish supper.

I The Minutes of the first part of this Monthly Meeting for Business were read and approved.

II The budget, having been approved at the earlier session of this Monthly Meeting, was reviewed and a copy will be sent to each member and regular attender, together with an up-to-date membership list and a letter from the Clerk.

III The Chairman of the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel, whose report had been considered only very briefly at the earlier session, presented their recommendations to the Monthly Meeting. These include the following suggestions:

- that Meeting for Worship begin promptly at 10 a.m. each First Day. Hymn singing will preceed this begining at 9:45 a.m.

  The Meeting approved this suggestion and decided to commence this new schedule on 11th month 14, 1965

- that a member be designated each First Day to welcome newcomers before Meeting for Worship.

  This was approved and the Meeting suggested the same person who is responsible for preparing the Meeting Room that First Day also be responsible for welcoming newcomers.

- That the Clerk be asked to seek an invitation to meet with the students at The Meeting School to tell them about Monadnock Monthly Meeting and invite all who wished to join in the Meeting for Worship on First Day.

  The Clerk was encouraged to do this.

- that in order to enrich the spiritual condition of our Meeting, we hold a series of discussions this coming winter and spring at intervals of every fourth or fifth week. It was recommended there combine, when necessary, an adjourned Meeting for Business to discuss important matters of concern, with a discussion of some piece of inspirational literature. It was hoped too that members would share with one another ways of making private devotions more meaningful and that together we would consider how we can extend our outreach more effectively into the wider community. The thought was expressed that through these various ways of uniting on a deeper level ~~things~~ at a more leisurely pace than is possible at our regular Business Meetings, we can strengthen and enrich our Worship together including the vocal ministry.

The Meeting approved holding these adjourned Monthly Meetings and set up a schedule as follows:
Dec. 18 - at Stabler's home
Jan. 22 - at Bliss home
Mar. 5 - at Rae's home
Apr. 16 - at Meeting School
May 21 - " " "

The first reading suggested was the Pendle Hill pamphlet entitled "A Joint and Visible Fellowship" by Beatrice Saxon Snell. Members are urged to suggest other suitable reading for future adjourned meetings.

- to further stimulate discussion at some of these meetings, the possibility of inviting a speaker was suggested. In this connection the names of Joseph Havens and Moses Bailey were mentioned. George Rae and George Bliss will sound them out as to their availability.

IV The Clerk read a letter from the Friends Coördinating Committee for Peace asking for our coöperation in a 6-month special effort to press for an end to hostilities in Viet Nam. The letter outlined 8 suggestions for working toward peace.

The Clerk also read a letter from the Young Friends of North America telling of opportunities for volunteers to serve in Viet Nam and urged Friends to exert every effort to stop the war there.

The Meeting approved setting up a special sub-committee on Viet Nam for six months. This committee would consider various ways in which our Meeting can be most effective and bring recommendations for action to next Monthly Meeting. George Rae, Helen Bliss and Griffin Stabler were asked to serve on this sub-committee

In further connection with the Viet Nam situation, mention was made of a sign said to be put up by the Keene Junior Chamber of Commerce, implying that everyone in the Monadnock region supports the Government policy in Viet Nam.

The sub-committee was asked to verify the sign and to visit the J. C. C. and the Keene Sentinel to voice our opposition to the war in Viet Nam.

V. The Meeting took note of the immolation in Washington, D. C. of Norman Morrison, a member of the ~~Sandy Spring~~ [illegible] Monthly Meeting. Both Norman and Ann Morrison are known to Helen and George Bliss and Janeal Ravnda

The Meeting asked that a letter be sent by these Friends on behalf of the Meeting, to Ann Morrison expressing our loving thoughts and concern for her and the children.

VI Our attender, Judy Havey, asked permission to release the substance of our concern on Viet Nam and of our letter to Ann Morrison, to the Peterborough Transcript.

The Meeting approved this release.

This meeting adjourned at 9:15 P. M. purposing to meet again at regular Monthly Meeting for Business on 11th Month 14, 1965 at Rindge, N. H.

Thelma W. Babbitt,
Recording Secretary

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
Nov. 14, 1965
Rindge, N.H.

The Monadnock Monthly Meeting for business met on 11th month 14, 1965 at Rindge, N.H. at 11:15 A.M.

The Meeting began with a period of quiet meditation.

I The Minutes of the Adjourned Meeting held 11th month 6, 1965 were read. The following corrections were noted:

1) In Minute III last paragraph, George Sillcock's name should be added to speakers to be contacted for our discussion meetings.
2) In Minute III, the wording of the first recommendation should read as follows: "Meeting for Worship on First Days will begin at 9:45 A.M. with hymn singing and continue at 10 A.M. with silent worship."

With these corrections the Minutes were approved.

II Clerk's Announcements – The Rev. William S. Coffin, Chaplain at Yale University, will speak on Nov. 15 at the auditorium at Keene State College.

III Committee Reports: The sub-committee on Viet-Nam reported as follows: 1) A letter, signed by the sub-committee was sent to the president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce. (Copy attached to the Minutes.) George Bliss and Griffin Stabler visited the Junior Chamber of Commerce to express our concern at the sign they propose to erect in Central Square stating that Keene residents support the government's policy in the war in Viet Nam. We were allowed to outline our point of view but they decided to go ahead with their plans anyway. They then visited the editor of the Keene Sentinel who wrote, subsequently, an article ~~(supporting)~~ sympathetic to our position and opposing the sign.

2) They discussed the letter from the Friends Committee on Peace, and recommend we work on all eight suggestions outlined in the letter. They will make more specific recommendations as may appear. The list of suggestions are as follows:

3) The sub-committee recommends we use our third Adjourned Meeting on Jan 22, to discuss and inform ourselves on the background of issues related to the situation in Viet Nam. They believe we should emphasize the moral aspects of these issues and try if possible not to get too involved with the political side of the struggle. They recommend we follow this effort to strengthen and inform ourselves with a public meeting held somewhere in the area, perhaps in coöperation with others.

George Rae will provide literature as a background to such a discussion. Father Berrigan's speech and the Robert Scheer report "Why are we in Viet Nam?" were mentioned specifically. The Clerk will also write for the kit offered by the Friends Committee on Peace.

These actions and suggestions were approved and the sub-committee was asked to be alert to any further openings for constructive action and to bring recommendations to our Monthly Meeting for Business for approval. If pressure of time makes this inadvisable, the sub-committee should bring it to First Day Meeting for Worship or get in touch with members of the Meeting, if the situation calls ~~call~~ for immediate action, by telephone or personally.

IV Following the write-up in the Sentinel, Charles Williams,
O.Det. minister of the United Church of Christ in Keene, got in touch with Griffin Stahler to see whether he would help start a petition for setting up a table beside the J.C.C. sign in Keene for signatures opposing gov't policy in Viet Nam.

This petition has been sent to ministers in Keene area. They will take the petition to the Sentinel and hope we can help spread it to the rest of the Monadnock area.

The Clerk was encouraged to coöperate with the group on the petition and several members offered to get signatures of other ministers and lay people in nearby towns.

V Our guest, Russell Brooks, director of Woolman Hill, a Quaker Center in Deerfield, Mass. described the nature of work being sponsored by the Center and encouraged us to make use of its facilities for retreats, Conferences and so on. He also asked Friends for financial support.

November 9, 1965

Junior Mr. Lloyd Hill, President
Chamber of Commerce
Keene, N.H.

Dear Mr. Hill:

Our Monadnock Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, Rindge, N.H. recently learned of the intention of the Junior Chamber of Commerce to erect a sign in Keene which states that the citizens of Keene endorse our government's actions in the present crisis in Vietnam.

Friends have traditionally opposed all wars, and are presently deeply disturbed by our government's policy of continued United States military intervention in Vietnam. We urge the Junior Chamber of Commerce to reconsider, and rather than endorsing present policy to help our government seek alternative solutions to the present crisis.

Keene has recently been shown the value of one life, and in the Jonathan Daniels tragedy has responded with an outpouring of generosity and sympathy. Your sign endorsing a policy of military destruction seems inconsistent with this humanitarian spirit. Instead of endorsing war, we feel that the citizens of Keene, should urge our government to vigorously seek alternative non-military solutions.

Here are a few of the alternatives that have been proposed by the President of the United States and others:

1. An end to unilateralism by seeking an international presence in Vietnam; i.e. the United Nations, or the 1954 Geneva Convention Signatories.

2. Joint development of the Mekong Delta.

3. Recognition of the revolutionary condition of the Country, and a willingness to negotiate with all parties envolved, including the National Liberation Front.

4. Guaranteeing the democratic plebescite that was promised in the 1954 Convention and never carried out.

We urge your board of directors to give sympathetic consideration to our views.

Sincerely,

Griffin M. Stabler, Clerk
Helen L. Bliss
George W. Rae

cc to Keenw Evening Sentinel

For the Monadnock Monthly Meeting
of the Religious Society of Friends.

VI A Memorial Service will be held in Washington, D.C. for Norman Morrison on First Day 11th month 21, 1965. Monthly Meetings were asked to keep this Friend in mind at meeting for worship on that date.

The Meeting adjourned at 12:45 P.M. purposing to meet again on twelfth month 12, 1965 at Rindge, N.H.

Thelma W. Babbitt,
Recording Secretary

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
Dec. 12, 1965
Rindge, N.H.

The Monthly Meeting for Business of the Monadnock Monthly Meeting was held at 11:15 A.M. twelfth month 12, 1965 at Rindge, N. H.

I The Minutes of our last Monthly Meeting for Business were read. One correction was noted: In Minute III, at the end of the first paragraph, it should read ".... an article sympathetic to our position" rather than "supporting" our position".

With this correction the Minutes were approved.

II The Sub-Committee on Viet Nam has not met since last Monthly Meeting but a short report was given relative to the Petition being circulated to clergy in this region opposing the sign put up in Keene, as reported in Minute IV in our last Monthly Meeting.

The Petition had 93 signatures. The Keene Sentinel printed the petition verbatim. There were a number of letters to the editor opposing the sign and the Minister of the United Church of Christ in Keene has written to the Junior Chamber of Commerce requesting that the sign be removed. It was reported the sign has been taken down. The sub-committee will continue to keep in touch with the situation.

III A letter to all members and attenders was read and after short discussion, it was approved and will be sent out this week. It includes the budget and an up-to-date membership list. A copy is attached to the Minutes on Page 176.

IV A letter from Cynthia Bliss Bennett was read asking that her membership be transferred to the Davis, California Monthly Meeting. She is taking an active part in the Meeting and expects to be there several years.

The Clerk was asked to send this transferral letter to Margaret Brooks, Clerk, 6 Willowbrook, Davis, California

It was announced that our discussion will be held as scheduled on 12th month 18 at 7 P.M. for dessert and coffee at the Stablers in Swanzey

There being no further business the Meeting was adjourned at 11:45 A.M. purposing to meet again on first month 9, 196
at Rindge, N. H.

Thelma W. Babbitt, Recording Clerk

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
held in Rindge Jan 9th 1966.

The Meeting was adjourned to Jan 16 1966
due to the storm

I The meeting reconvened at Rindge Jan 16 at 11:15 am. Seven members and four attenders were present

II George I. Bliss was asked to serve as the recording clerk for the day.

III Griffin Stabler spoke about our Yearly Meeting annual contribution. ~~on the basis~~ It was agreed to send this years contribution on the basis of $12.00 per member.

IV The Committee on Action in the Vietnam Crisis has met and has planned a program for the Discussion group of the Monthly Meeting at the Bliss home on Sat. Jan 22 at 7:00 P.M.

V A letter from the peace education committee of the AFSC has informed us of the availability of Stuart Innerst for meetings on China in March. We're encouraged to make arrangements for a public meeting for Stuart. Calvin Walcott will present the possibility to the Monadnock Council of Churches at its January Executive Committee meeting

VI The Jaycees of Keene will petition the city council to replace their sign in the public square. We reaffirm our concern that such a sign does not speak for the entire population and that we hope the council will deny the petition. We ask Griffin Stabler to present our view to some of the council members and a letter expressing our views will be sent to the Council.

VII No further business appearing, the meeting adjourned purposing to reconvene for discussion of the Vietnam crisis at the home of George & Helen Bliss on Saturday January 22 1966.

George I Bliss
Recording Clerk for this day.

Statistics for Monadnock **Monthly Meeting for 19**65

PLEASE READ BEFORE FILLING OUT

When Monthly Meetings consist of more than one Particular Meeting, each particular meeting should fill out a blank for the Monthly Meeting. Each Monthly Meeting should make up its report from the Particular Meeting reports, where more than one Particular Meeting is involved; otherwise use only the "Monthly Meeting" blank for making up its report to the Quarterly Meeting. The "Quarterly Meeting" blank is to be used in making a summary of the several Monthly Meeting reports. All reports SHOULD BE RECORDED IN FULL DETAIL.

	Particular Meetings			Totals
1. Number of Members last year, DEC 3 1 1964				38
2. Additions due to Omissions in last year's Report, 3 1 1964				
3. Additions by Birth,				
4. Additions by Request, including from another Denomination,				1
5. Additions by Certificate from another Friends Meeting,				
6. Total Additions, DEC 3 1 1964				1
7. Loss due to Removal of persons included by Error in last year's Report,				
8. Loss by Death,				
9. Loss by Discontinuance, Resignation, or Disownment,				
10. Loss by Certificate to another Friends Meeting,				2
11. Loss by Letter to another Denomination,				
12. Total Loss,				2
13. Number of Members this Year, DEC 3 1, 1965				37
14. Net Gain,				
15. Net Loss,				1
16. Number of Males,				19
17. Number of Females,				18
18. Number under 21 years of age,				17
19. Number of Junior Members,				14
20. Number of Junior Members Transferred to Active Membership,				1
21. Number of Resident Members,				15
22. Number of Non-Resident Members,				22
23. Average Attendance at Sunday Worship (estimate),				40
24. Average Attendance of Children at Sunday School,				-
25. Average Attendance of Adults at Sunday School,				-
26. Number of Sunday School Classes.				-
PROVE ALL FIGURES AND TOTALS AS SUGGESTED BELOW.				

SUGGESTIONS.—To be sure that no mistakes occur in this report, observe the following.

1. See that No. 1 is correct as it was reported last year. If a mistake in last year's figures has been discovered since then, call it "Additions due to Omissions in last year's Report," (see No. 2) or "Loss due to Removal of persons included by Error in last year's Report," (see No. 7), as the case may be, and add or subtract as may be required to make No. 13 on this report exactly correct, then write a brief note of explanation on the report.

2. The addition of Nos. 2, 3, 4, and 5 will give No. 6; and of 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 will give No. 12.

3. If No. 6 is larger than No. 12, subtract No. 12 from No. 6 to obtain No. 14; but if No. 12 is larger subtract No. 6 from No. 12 to obtain No. 15. Of course only one of the numbers 14 and 15 will have figures. If there is a "net gain," add No. 14 to No. 1 to obtain No. 13. If there is a "net loss," subtract No. 15 from No. 1 to obtain No. 13.

4. See that No. 13 is the same as the sum of 16 and 17, and of 21 and 22.

5. Keep your records corrected up to date. Good records make easy reports.

6. Keep on hand a copy of this report for future reference.

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
Feb. 13, 1966

The Monthly Meeting for business of the Monadnock Monthly Meeting was held on second month 13, 1966 at Rindge, N. H. at 11 A.M. The Meeting began with a period of quiet meditation

I The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

II The Clerk reported several events of interest -

Regarding the renewed attempt by the Keene Junior Chamber of Commerce to put up a sign on the Common, Griffin Stabler visited two of the Councilmen to repeat our objection to the sign. A letter was also sent from this Monthly Meeting. It was reported most of those on the Council disapproved of placing the sign on the Common.

* Stuart Innerst, a speaker sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee will speak in Peterborough during the week of April 16 to 23, probably at the Unitarian Church under the auspices of the Monadnock Council of Churches. The Council will pay his $50 fee and our Meeting will pay his expenses. The exact date and place will be confirmed later.

** The next discussion meeting will be held on March 5 at the home of George and Pipper Rae in Petersham. Discussion will be continued based upon the pamphlet "The Joint and Visible Fellowship" by Beatrice Saxon Snell.

Ministry and Council will meet next first day following Meeting for Worship.

The Friends Witness for Peace will be held on April 8, Good Friday, in Boston from 11 a.m. to 4 P.M. Friends are invited to join in this vigil.

III A letter was read from the Cathedral in the Pines inviting our meeting to hold a meeting for Worship there on Aug. 7 at 5 P.M. After some discussion, during which it was noted that Quarterly Meeting would be held at The Meeting School that first day, this Meeting approved our holding meeting for Worship there.

Helen Bliss offered to announce it at New England Yearly Meeting and to send notices to the Friends Journal and to the New England Friend. Later, a Committee will be appointed to be responsible for arrangements.

IV The Clerk announced he had received a letter from Christian Ravndal asking to re-join this Monthly Meeting. He had withdrawn his membership by a request to the Clerk ~~on~~ first month 12, 1964.

The Meeting received this request with joy and welcomed Chris back into membership. The feeling was expressed that we felt he had never actually left our membership.

There being no further business the Meeting was adjourned purposing to meet again 3rd month 13, 1966 at Rindge, N. H.

Thelma W. Babbitt
Recording Clerk

* See next minutes for correction
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Monadnock Monthly Meeting
March 13, 1966

The Meeting for Business of the Monadnock Monthly Meeting was held at 11 A.M. following Meeting for Worship on 3rd month 13, 1966 at Rindge, N.H.

The Meeting opened with a period of quiet meditation

I The Minutes of the previous Monthly Meeting for Business were read. It was noted that, due to a misunderstanding, both the date of the Stuart Innerst meeting on China (referred to in Minute #2 second paragraph of the Clerk's report) and the sponsorship by the Monadnock Council of Churches was not confirmed. Subsequent discussion in an informal meeting, it was decided the Monadnock Monthly Meeting would not sponsor the appearance of Stuart Innerst at this time. In this connection, we have had word that the Concord, N.H. Monthly Meeting will sponsor a meeting for Stuart Innerst on China March 19 at 2 P.M. at the Unitarian Church, Concord, N.H.

With regard to the third paragraph of Minute II relating to the discussion meeting scheduled for 3rd month 5 at the home of George and Peggy Rae, this was cancelled because few people could go and it wasn't a convenient time for the Raes.

With the above notations the Minutes were approved.

II In the absence of the Clerk, Griffin Stabler, Joel Hayden had been asked to make the following announcements and observations:

The Cathedral-in-the-Pines have been notified that this Monthly Meeting accepts their invitation to hold Meeting for Worship there on 8th month 7, 1966 at 5 P.M.

In the absence of Tom Snell, coördinator of the Friends Prayer Vigil for Good Friday, Thelma Babbitt reported briefly the plans for the Vigil to be held in front of the statue of Mary Dyer at the State House, Boston, Mass. on 4th month 8, 1966 beginning at 10:00 A.M with Meeting for Worship at Beacon Hill Friends House.

III Ministry and Council - A brief meeting was held on 3rd month 6 at The Meeting School following Meeting for Worship. Because the Chairman, Lois Stabler, was unable to be present at that time, no formal report was forthcoming. They will meet again within the next two weeks and report fully to next Monthly Meeting

We were reminded, however, that the next discussion meeting will be held 4th month 16 at the Meeting School. Advance notice of subject will be given ~~before the meeting~~. Our attention also was called to an article in the Friends Journal of 3rd month 1, entitled "Small Meetings: Problems and Opportunities." It was thought this might be of assistance as we consider the future of this Monthly Meeting.

Several announcements of meetings were made:

Cape May Conference - (Friends General Conference) will be held at Cape May, New Jersey 6th month 24 to 7th month 1. A slide and tape set showing activities and resources of Friends General Conference is available. It was suggested we look into the possibility of using this for one of our discussion groups.

The dates of New England Yearly Meeting are 6th month 16 to 21, and the place of meeting is in Amherst, Mass. this year.

The National Conference of Friends on Race will be held in Atlanta, Georgia on 4th month 29 to fifth month 1, 1966.

IV Jane Patterson has offered to design a screen for the rear of the Meeting room. It was suggested she get in touch with Helen Bliss of the Property Committee.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned purposing to meet again 4th month 10, 1966 at Rindge ~~at 11 a.m.~~, N.H at 11 a.m. following Meeting for Worship.

Thelma W. Babbitt
Recording Clerk

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
April 10, 1966

The Monadnock Monthly Meeting held its Business Meeting on fourth month 10, 1966 at 11:15 a.m. at Rindge, N.H.

It was begun with a few moments of silent meditation.

I The Minutes of the last meeting for Business were read. It was suggested that the announcement, under Minute III, relating to New England Yearly Meeting, be further amplified by noting that the place of Yearly Meeting is on the Campus of the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, Mass.

With this addition the Minutes were approved.

¶ Quarterly Meeting in New Haven 5th month 8. George Bliss and Griffin Stabler will attend.

II Meeting on Ministry and Council has met and discussed the content of our next discussion meeting scheduled for fourth month 16, at the Bliss home at 7:30 P.M. A letter has been sent to each member and attender listing three questions on which we are asked to ponder and write a paragraph anonymously, to be read aloud at the meeting. The three questions are as follows:
What is your dream for our Meeting?
How do you see yourself contributing to that dream?
What can we do as a group to realize that dream?

Each member and attender was urged to attend this meeting.

III The Treasurer's Report was not ready but will be prepared and given at the next Monthly Meeting.

IV A Nominating Committee was appointed to bring in a slate of officers for next year, to next Monthly Meeting. Those appointed were -
George Bliss, Elizabeth McGreal, Thelma Babbitt

This Committee will meet at 7 P.M. before the discussion meeting fourth month 16.

V A new member Judy Harvey was added to the Viet Nam ad hoc Committee. This Committee will plan a conference on Viet Nam and China later this year.

VI The Cathedral-in-the-Pines Meeting for Worship, scheduled for eighth month 7, 1966 at 5 P.M. was discussed at length. Several ways to make this a meaningful event were suggested. It was brought out that this may be an occasion when our Meeting and the Society of Friends in general, might wish to find a way of sharing our message with a wider audience. It was pointed out that many people spend the summer in this region and that a large number of visitors go to the Cathedral in the Pines each First Day.

The specific suggestions included the possibility of inviting an especially qualified speaker who might bring a uniquely Quaker message, perhaps related to our historic peace testimony; Also, that our Meeting issue a Call to all Friends in New England urging that they attend this meeting for Worship with the expectation that meaningful insights might emerge during silent worship which could be shared vocally.

Some expressed uneasiness and urged that we not "use" this occasion in such a way as might exploit it.

> It was agreed that each of us should give prayerful thought to this event and come to next Monthly Meeting prepared to discuss it further.

VII Friends General Conference program has been received. It will be held at Cape May, N. J. sixth month 24 thru seventh month 1. It was mentioned that Ebbie Adagala, young Friend attending The Meeting School, plans to go to this Conference. Others may also attend.

It was suggested Ebbie be asked to report back to this Monthly Meeting. Funds for her expenses are being provided from other sources. George Bliss will ask her to do this

VIII It was announced that a Race Relations Conference, sponsored by the Peace and Social Concerns Committee of New England Yearly Meeting will be held fourth month 29 to fifth month 1, at Woolman Hill.

The Meeting adjourned at 12:15 P.M. purposing to mee again fifth month 8, 1966 at Rindge N.H.

Thelma W. Babbitt
Recording Secretary

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
May 15, 1966

After a few moments of silent worship, the clerk, Griffin Stebbins asked for a report of the Nominating Committee. It was read and

I approved as follows:

Griffin Stebbins, Clerk
Thelma Babbitt, Recording Clerk
Hiram Blair, Treasurer
Christine Pennock, Griffin Stebbins
George Blair, Thelma Babbitt - Ministry & Counsel
Jill Hagen, James Pennock
Elizabeth McGreal, Overseers
Lois Stebbins, Helen Blair, Property Committee
Hiram Blair, Griffin Stebbins
Thelma Babbitt - Finance Committee

II The draft of the Condition of the Meeting was read and approved, and was sent to [illegible] Meeting.

III Our obligation to conduct the Sunday of Union Meeting at the Cathedral of the Pines on August 7, was discussed, and concern was expressed to make it more than just a Meeting for Worship, but to have it also an ~~opportunity~~ expression of Friends' concern for World Peace. It was to be given more thought and discussed again next Monthly Meeting.

IV A letter was read from the [illegible] family asking to have their membership transferred to [illegible] Meeting near where they are now living. This was approved, regretfully, and we send them our love. The Clerk said he would send the letter of transfer.

V A letter was received from New England Yearly Meeting Finance Committee concerning the publication and ordering of the newly revised Discipline and asking that we let them know how many we would want to order — either in paperback or hard cover. Helen Blair agreed to ask members for orders.

VI A letter from New England Yearly Meeting [illegible] Committee was read asking for financial help. We have usually sent $25 and since [illegible] can be sent [illegible]

VII George Bliss spoke of his plans to attend Yearly Meeting sessions at Amherst, Mass., June 21 to 26, and Friends United Meeting sessions at Richmond, Indiana, July 15-21. He also mentioned Friends General Conference sessions at Cape May, N.J., June 24 - July 1, which he felt Blisses couldn't go to this year, but hoped some members might attend.

VIII The Clerk spoke of Pauline Babbitt's asking for a Traveling Minute to be presented to various Meetings in Europe while she is traveling there this summer. George Bliss agreed to write such a minute for consideration at next Monthly Meeting.

IX Jane Patterson presented plans she had made for a long folding screen (room divider) on casters to cost about $40.00 for materials to be made by Dick Hite, a student at the school. Action was deferred until the Property Committee could consult together, hoping it could approve before next meeting so that work could be started.

Monthly Meeting then adjourned after the usual brief silent meditation, purposing to meet again June 17th.

Recording Clerk, pro tem
Helen Bliss

Monmouth
Monthly Meeting
June 13, 1986

Six members only, were present
After a few minutes of silent worship,
the Minutes of May 15 Meeting were
I read and ~~accep~~ted approved.

II Jean Olson reported that the Property Committee had met relative to the decision on the pending [illegible] some benches designed by Jane Patterson for the meeting room, and had agreed that since the plan for new benches would be delayed for a year, we would go ahead with construction of the same. This was approved.

III The Traveling minute for Helen Bobbitt ~~for~~ her European visitation of Friends Meetings was read and approved, and will be sent to her by the clerk.

IV A letter from the AFSC was read concerning the Summer 1986 Peace Caravan visiting the Dover Delaware area, and asking our Monthly Meeting to coordinate all necessary arrangements for 3 and 4 young people involved — i.e. hospitality in homes, interpretation to community, and setting up meetings with specific individuals, etc — from July 21 to August 3. We feel concerned and can house the young people but the Meeting feels too obligated at this date otherwise to give the time and attention it would require. Clerk is to relay this to the AFSC with our sincere regrets.

V We further discussed our obligation and concern about the August 6 Meeting at the Capitol of the Nation. We agreed our biggest effort would be in spreading the word of the wide invitation and focus on World Peace, and plan to have a "worship session" in anticipation next Monthly Meeting.

VI A letter was received (from the Tooles, Philip and Virginia) about Friends Yearly meeting, asking Meeting to help with the young people, stating that to make this possible they would request financial help from the Yearly Meeting. Yearly Meeting [illegible] with our [illegible]. The clerk was asked to send a letter to the Committee authorizing the Tooles to receive financial help.

This completed our business and proposing to meet again briefly July 10 the Clerk adjourned the Meeting after a brief period of meditation.

Recording Clerk, Protem —

Helen Bliss

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
July 10 - 1966

There were only four present — and we merely made specific plans for accommodating the Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting sessions at the meeting school August 6 and 7 — and also for the Meeting for worship following at 5 PM Sunday August 7 at the Cathedral of the Pines —

H Bliss.

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
Rindge, New Hampshire
Sept. 11, 1966

The Monadnock Monthly Meeting for business met on Ninth Month 11, 1966 at Rindge N.H.

I The Minutes of April, May, and June Monthly Meetings were read and approved. A suggestion was made that a copy of the spiritual condition of our Meeting be incorporated with the Minutes of fifth month 1966.

II Quarterly Meeting was held under the care of the Monthly Meeting and the Meeting School, the weekend of eighth month 6 and 7. About 40 persons attended and remained over night. Kathleen Lonsdale, a British Friend, was the speaker. She spoke of the kinds of receptions she, as a Quaker and a scientist, has received in her three trips to Russia over the past 30 years. Her message was received with gratitude by those present. It was hoped similar inspirational talks might be arranged for each Quarterly Meeting.

A number of those attending Quarterly Meeting remained to join in the Meeting for Worship at the Cathedral of the Pines. A total of 79 persons were present, including some tourists. Especially moving messages relating to the Vietnam situation came from Ted Paullin and Cornelius Kruse.

III The question was raised as to whether our Meeting would consider being host to Quarterly Meeting annually. Formerly it has alternated in the summer between Guilford, Conn. Meeting and ours. However, the Guilford Meeting has been laid down and it remains a question as to where and whether a summer Quarterly Meeting will be held.

The Blisses may not be at the Meeting School another year and since they have taken a large part of the responsibility for the work and planning, there was a question as to whether other members would be willing to take on this commitment every year. Helen Bliss spoke strongly about the fact that having these Friends from the Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting visit the Meeting School helped a great deal in showing them the school and possibly interesting them in sending their children there in the future. Therefore, she felt it highly desirable that we continue to host Quarterly Meeting on a regular basis.

After considerable discussion, it was agreed to discuss this further at the March Meeting for business, when plans for the summer would be clearer and members would know whether it could be undertaken.

IV The Treasurer reported a balance on hand of $190.80 as of the end of June. Outstanding commitments not paid as yet are the $100 pledge to Friends General Conference, a balance of $19 to the Meeting School for use of the Gathering Room for Meeting for Worship, and an amount of $100, which we had budgeted for "Concerns". On this latter item, the Meeting had approved allocating this among four Friends' activities as follows:

Woolman Hill - Friends World College -
F. C. N. L. - A. F. S. C.

Confidence was expressed that sufficient funds would come in shortly to make it possible for us to meet these commitments. It was mentioned that the $30 annual assessment for Quarterly Meeting had been discontinued. The Treasurer was asked to send checks for these commitments.

V It was announced that the Overseerers and Ministry and Council will have a joint meeting next ~~Friday~~ first day following Meeting for Worship. Suggestions were made that they consider merging these bodies.

VI A recording Clerk pro tem is needed to take Thelma Babbitts place for the next two months while she is in Washington. At next monthly meeting it is hoped someone will volunteer to undertake this.

There being no other business, the Meeting was adjourned, purposing to meet again on tenth month 9, 1966

Thelma W. Babbitt
Recording Clerk

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
Rindge, New Hampshire
~~Ninth~~ Tenth Month, ninth, 1966

The clerk called the meeting together and after a few moments of silence the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Lois Stabler volunteered to be recording clerk until the return of Thelma Babbitt.

It was suggested that a decision on the
* August Quarterly Meeting be reached some other month than the March Meeting because of Intersession and the absence of many members. It was decided to take this matter up in February for preliminary consideration.

The treasurer's report was given. All the Concerns Money has been sent, also $12.00 to New England Yearly Meeting for copies of the new discipline. The current balance is $185.80 with which the new fiscal year begins. Letters of thanks for contributions were read from Friend's General Conference, Friends' Committee on National Legislation, Woolman Hill, American Friends Service Committee, and Friends World Institute.

The convenors of the Ministry and Council Committee and the Overseers met and explored the roles of their committees. ~~With~~ The membership of these two committees is almost the full membership of the meeting. The convenors felt that we need a full dialogue of the meeting is to the roles of these committees in a small meeting such as ours. It was decided that at the next monthly meeting we will consider Ministry and Council as a whole.

A report on Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting held at Mt. Toby on 10/1/66 was given by Helen Bliss and Janet Ravendahl. The wide spectrum of our testamonies was discussed at the Ministry and Council Meeting. * It was suggested that our Monthly Meeting ~~consider~~ follow up their suggestion of in-depth discussion of basic Quaker testamonies. (Minutes of that meeting are attached.)

The next Fall Quarterly Meeting will be held at Mt. Toby the first weekend after the Third Thursday.

There was a discussion of the role of Quarterly Meeting's Nominating Committee ~~to~~ of representatives to Yearly Meeting. It was decided to recommend to the Quarterly Meeting that each Monthly Meeting appoint representatives.

A letter was received from Ernest Bliss, a member of our meeting, and Susan Payne, both graduates of the Meeting School 1963 ~~requesting~~ expressing their intention of marriage. They would like to be married under the care of the Meeting. A Visiting Committee of Joel Hayden, Virginia Towle, and Chris Ravendahl was appointed to visit the young couple. The members agreed that the Committee could indicate their decision on clearance immediately to the young couple so that the marriage plans could be completed.

Chris Ravendahl requested the prayers of the Meeting in making their meeting with Ernest and Susan a meaningful one.

The budget for the next year was discussed. With only minor changes from last year the budget is as follows:
It was felt that more thought should be given to the distribution of the Concerns fund.

Yearly Meeting Assessment ($12 each adult)	240.00
Friends General Conference $5	100.00
Rent of Meeting Room, The Meeting School	50.00
Monadnock Council of Churches Membership	5.00
Equalization Fund for Yearly Meeting	25.00
Concerns	100.00
Conferences and Camp Scholarships	50.00
Care for Meeting Children	45.00
Advertising in Friends Journal	25.00
Miscellaneous	25.00
Property Maintenance & Improvement	135.00
	$ 800.00

After a few moments of silence the Meeting was closed purposing to meet again Tenth Month 13th after Meeting for Worship.

Lois Stabler, Recording Clerk Pro tem

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
held ~~Tenth~~ Eleventh Month 13 th 1966
at Rindge, New Hampshire

The clerk called the meeting together. After a short period of silence the minutes of the previous meeting were read. An addition was made to include the fact that Ernest Bliss is a member of our meeting.
Six members were present

Virginia Towle reported for the Committee of Clearance for the wedding of Ernest Bliss and Susan Payne. The wedding was held Oct 23rd in the Meeting Room in a spirit of deep love and dedication.

The report of our finances was given by Helen Bliss.

New Contributions	$ 71.00
Paid out in ~~Feb~~ Nov. 1966	4.68
Balance	232.12

Due in January is $ 240.00 ~~for~~ the Monthly Meeting Quota to the Yearly Meeting figured for 20 memb at $ 12.00 a piece. The proposed letter with the budget was read. This is a request for contributions and it was felt that a news letter dealing with our meetings activities should be sent out in the Spring.

The following items of new business were discussed.
1. A letter from the Cathedral of the Pines was received setting aside Aug 6, 1967 at 5 P.M. as our possible responsibility. It was noted that this ~~was~~ is Hiroshima Day and also around the time when some overseas Friends may be in this area. The ~~even~~ afternoon hour was discussed. The clerk was instructed to answer the letter and to inquire about the possibility of holding a Friends Meeting in the morning same year. The date for 1967 was accepted.
2. A letter was received from Ronald and Nancy Batzdorf who have been attenders for about a year, requesting membership in our meeting and the Society of Friends.

A committee will meet with them, to include George & Helen Bliss, Virginia Towle and Elizabeth McGreal.

3. A letter from a committee the New England Yearly Meeting was read proposing to visit our Meeting. Since we will be discussing the Role of Ministry and Council at next Monthly Meeting and the spiritual condition of our meeting it was felt this might be an appropriate date for the Committee to come. The clerk will write to them.

4. A letter from Quaker Action Group concerning Vietnam and particularly how to reach the people of North Vietnam was read. The letter will be put on the bulletin board so individuals may follow up on some suggestions in the letter.

5. Support was given to an inquiry concerning a Peace Witness to be held next Good Friday in Boston. Although our Meeting cannot take the responsibility for organizing this Witness the clerk will send our approval and support.

6. Our support was also requested by Hartford Monthly Meeting for a minute concerning proposals to aid the Children of Vietnam. This was given with our encouragem

7. The Governor's Conference on the United Nations will be held on Dec 12th. George Bliss will send pictures of the work of the A. F. S. C. as part of this Conference. The meeting approved the expenditure of $10 for this; a balance of $15 will be requested from the Executive Council of the Yearly Meeting.

Monthly Meeting was adjourned after a few moments of silence, planning to meet again 12/11/66.

Lois Stabler
Recording Clerk pro Tem

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
Twelfth Month 11, 1966
Rindge, New Hampshire

The Monadnock Monthly Meeting for Business of the Monadnock Meeting was held on 12th month 11, at 11 A.M. in Rindge, N. H.

The Meeting began with a period of quiet meditation.

I The Minutes of the last Monthly Meeting were read and approved with one correction. The date of the Finance Report on expenditures should read "November 1966."

II The Clerk reported that a suggestion has been made that the Meeting on Ministry and Council be combined with the Committee of Overseers. In a small meeting such as ours, it is thought to be a better use of time and talent to combine these functions.

The Meeting approved this and agreed it should be called the Meeting on Ministry and Council and Oversight, the existing members of Ministry and Council being asked to carry on both functions. The Committee of Overseers was laid down.

III The Clerk asked for a report of finances. The balance on hand is $247.12. The Treasurer reported paying a contribution of $10 toward the Governor's Conference on the United Nations to be held on 12th month 12. Helen and George Bliss will attend.

IV The Cathedral of the Pines date has been confirmed. A Meeting for Worship will be held under our care at 5 P.M. on 8th month 6, 1967. The Clerk has asked for a morning date for 1968 and we understand one will be assigned to us later.

V Nancy and Ronald Batzdorf, who have expressed a desire to join the Monadnock Monthly Meeting. Virginia Towle and George Bliss have talked with both of them and report they appear to be ready to join the Society of Friends. George Bliss reported that they will be in Durham, N. H. for several years. They do feel more at home in the Monadnock Meeting since they have been attending quite frequently while living in Keene. They have not felt the same on the occasions when they attended ~~Durham~~ Dover Meeting. Some expressed a feeling that these young people ought to be encouraged to continue to get acquainted with the ~~Durham~~ Dover Meeting and consider joining that Meeting inasmuch as they would find it feasible to attend meeting for worship in ~~Durham~~ Dover more frequently. After some further discussion -

The Meeting asked that Virginia Towle and George Bliss get in touch with Nancy and Ronald Batzdorf and express our joy at their decision to join the Society of Friends and encourage them to seek further opportunities to attend the ~~Durham~~ Dover Meeting. George Bliss was also asked to talk with the Clerk of ~~Durham~~ Dover Meeting and encourage him to get acquainted with the Batzdorfs in the hope they might feel comfortable about joining that Meeting if they have occasion to come to know some of the members.

The Clerk read a letter from our member Janice Vogel. She is living at Harkness Hall at Oberlin College and attending meeting there. She wrote with enthusiasm of the experiences she had had last summer, with the Young Friends at Orange Grove Meeting in California.

The Clerk also reported having received a communication from the Plainfield, N. J. Meeting telling us that one of their attenders, Mrs. Jason Morrison, has moved to Manchester, N. H. The Clerk will get in touch with her and extend the greetings of the Monadnock Meeting but it was recognized that the Concord Monthly Meeting is much nearer, so their Clerk will be notified and hopefully she will be gotten in touch with by that Meeting.

Greetings from George Rae were received through George Bliss. He feels that his marriage will have to be dissolved. He is working in Boston and attending other churches. He is not ready to give up his membership in the Society of Friends as yet. Pepper Rae is living with her family in Nashua and Robbie is with her. The older son George, Jr. has joined the Marines. Helen Bliss has talked with Pepper Rae and she too feels that the marriage will have to be terminated. Friends expressed regret that this situation has developed to this point and wished to keep in touch with George and Pepper Rae, as and when it seems possible.

Dear Friends,

Enclosed is an up to date list of the membership of the Monadnock Monthly Meeting and a list of attenders. Also enclosed is the budget for 1966and 1967 which was approved at the October Monthly Meeting.

We urge you to study this budget carefully. You will note that we have fixed financial obligations to Yearly Meeting, Friends General Conference and rent for the Meeting Room. Our benevolences reflect our deep concern over social problems, with contributions to A.F.S.C., F.C.N.L.,etc. Finally we have included an item for a modest beginning at providing better physical facilities for our meeting. We are hoping to purchase benches for the Gathering Room.

We need your financial help to meet this budget.

The Meeting sends special prayers and thoughts to those of you who are not able to meet with us regularly.

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Bliss, George I. and Helen L. Gerald W. Margaret K.	Thomas Road, Rindge, N.H.
Hayden, Joel, Jr.	Thomas Road, Rindge, N.H.
McGreal, Elizabeth Yates	Shieling, Peterborough, N.H.
Rae, George W. and Victoria C.	Athol Road Petersham, Mass.
Ravndal, Christian and Janeal	Thomas Road, Rindge, N.H.
Stabler, Griffin M. and Lois K. Stephen, David, and Lael	RD 2, Winchester, N.H. (mailing) Swanzey, N.H. (home)
Towle, Philip and Virginia T. Kevin A. Karen S. Glenn E. Chandra L. Hannah O. (Virginia and Glenn Towle (temporarily)	Chavakali School, P.O. [illegible] Maragoli, Kenya (temporarily out of country) Sojourning members at Chavakali Monthly Meeting Care of Elizabeth McGreal Shieling, Peterborough, N.H.

NON-Resident Members:

Bliss, Ernest [illegible]	110 [illegible] Ave., Ithaca, N.Y.
Bliss, G. Scribner	Yampa Valley College, Steamboat Springs, Colo.
Connelly, Janet	Tanguy Homesteads, Cheney, PA.
Cory, [illegible]	Wilmington College, Wilmington, Ohio
Jacob, A. Lisa	253 S. 10th St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Kelly, Paula	Harvey Cedars, N.J. (home) University of Pennsylvania (school)
Howell, Michael [illegible]	West Chesterfield, N.H.
→ Philip Alt [illegible]	[illegible], Dayton, Ohio 45419
Vogel, Janice	1570 [illegible] Ave., Pasadena, Calif Harkness Hall, Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio

There being no further business, the Meeting was adjourned purposing to meet again on First-month 8, 1967.

Thelma W. Babbitt
Recording Clerk

den, Hazel Petty	Thomas Road, Rindge, N.H.
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Klein, Edwin and Katherine	Rindge, N.H.
Havey, Judy	33 Granite St. Peterborough, N.H.
Snell, Thomas and Julie	Thomas Road, Rindge, N.H.
Swenson, Herbert	High Mowing School, Wilton, N.H.
Wolcott, Calvin and [illegible]	Thomas Road, Rindge, N.H.
Batsdorff, Ronald and Nancy	Box 131, Durham, N.H.

Please send any change of address or correction to: Thelma Babbitt.

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MONADNOCK MONTHLY MEETING BUDGET 1966-1967

The following budget was approved at Monthly Meeting, Sixth Month Nin

Yearly Meeting Assessment (12dollars each adult)	$240.00
Friends General Conference (5 dollars each adult)	100.00
Rent for Meeting Room, Meeting School	50.00
Monadnock Council of Churches Membership	5.00
Equalization Fund for Yearly Meeting	25.00
Concerns	100.00
Conferences and Camp Scholarships	50.00
Care for Meeting Children	45.00
Advertising in Friends Journal	25.00
Miscellaneous	25.00
Property Maintenance and Improvement	135.00
TOTAL	800.00

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
January 8, 1967

The Monadnock Monthly Meeting for Business met at 11:15 A.M. on first month 8, 1967 at Rindge, N.H.

The Minutes of last Monthly Meeting were read. It was noted that Minute X should refer to the Dover rather than the Durham Meeting. With this correction they were approved.

I The Finance report shows a balance of $397.44. There are a number of outstanding commitments which have not been paid but they will be taken care of before next Monthly Meeting

We were reminded that we have not discussed how to use the fund of $100 set aside in our budget for concerns. It was agreed this would be done at our next Monthly Meeting. Friends were encouraged to give thought to this and come prepared to make recommendations.

II The matter of our fiscal year was brought up. It now runs from June to June which means that new officers + committee members take office just before the summer when many members are away so there is a long period before they begin to function. It was suggested that we consider making our fiscal year from Sept. to Sept. The Nominating Committee, however, would report in May. We were reminded that the following are members of the Nominating Committee:

Thelma Babbitt - George Bliss - Elizabeth McGreal

III George Bliss reported that he had talked briefly with Ronald Batzdorf but not with Nancy. They still seem to prefer to have their membership begin in the Monadnock Monthly Meeting. They planned to come to Monthly Meeting today but phoned to say the driving is too dangerous. George Bliss has not talked with the Clerk of the Dover Monthly Meeting as yet. It was agreed we should defer action on this until we have been in touch with the Dover Meeting. ~~and~~ It was hoped the Batzdorfs might attend next Monthly Meeting.

IV Meeting on Ministry and Counsel will be held on first month 27 at the Bliss House in Rindge. Several suggestions were made ~~on~~ which Ministry and Counsel were asked to consider and report on at next monthly Meeting.

V. Quarterly Meeting will be held in Hartford, Conn. second month 4 and 5, 1967. Janeal Ravndal and Virginia Towle agreed to attend as representatives of this Meeting. They were encouraged to discuss the matter of choosing representatives to yearly Meeting. Also to check whether the report on Spiritual Condition is due biennially.

There being no further business the Meeting was adjourned at 12:30 P.M. purposing to meet again second month 12, 1967 following Meeting for Worship.

Thelma W. Babbitt
Recording Secretary

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
February 12, 1967

Monadnock Monthly Meeting for Business was held at Rindge, N. H. on second month 12, 1967, begining at 11:15 A. M. following Meeting for Worship -

The Minutes of first month 8 were read and approved.

I A report concerning the request for membership by Nancy and Ronald Batzdorf was given by Thelma Babbitt. She had sought an opportunity to meet Ronald and Nancy when in Durham recently. After several unsuccessful attempts to get in touch with them, she talked with the Clerk of the Dover Meeting, Eleanor Dryer and with two other members of thes Meeting, Robin and Lydia Willits. None of these members had known of the desire of the Batzdorfs to join the Society of Friends. They were interested to get to know this young couple and assured Thelma Babbitt they would make every effort to get acquainted with them. It was learned the Batzdorfs have bought a farm in Barrington, N. H (near Durham. Virginia Towle reported the Batzdorfs had said they would attend this Monthly Meeting for Business. Since they did not appear, the Clerk was asked to write a letter to them telling of our hope they will have gotten in touch with Friends in the Dover Meeting and that we shall await further word from them.

II It was reported with regret that Ministry and Council had not been able to meet as planned on first month 27 because of the blizzard. Another date was set for a meeting on second month 23, at the home of Thelma Babbitt at 7 P M. Chris Ravndal has indicated he is unable to serve on Ministry and Council. It was suggested Janeal Ravndal be asked to serve in his place.

III A report of Quarterly Meeting was given by Virginia Towle - (Her notes are inserted at the end of these Minutes.) There was considerable discussion of the problems of very small Meetings and several suggestions were made for fostering their spiritual growth and membership strength. We were reminded that a Meeting for Worship is a direct experience with God and that if this is kept clear, no "gimmicks" should be needed.

However, some Meetings have found that having a house, library, forums, family gatherings, retreats and similar events do develop a feeling of belonging and encourage spiritual growth. It was recognized that some felt this need more than others, ~~and~~ On the whole it was recognized that a public meeting place (as contrasted with a home for example) tended to stimulate Meeting growth and outreach.

It was also reported by ~~Helen Bliss and~~ Virginia Towle that we are expected to produce a statement on the Spiritual Condition of our Meeting this year. It was suggested Ministry and Council work on a draft of this at their meeting and bring to next Monthly Meeting.

IV The Treasurer's Report showed a balance on hand of $237.12 with a number of commitments still outstanding totalling $155. They will be paid this month. Funds are needed to replenish our ~~fund~~ treasury if we are to meet our budgeted amount for Concerns.

V The Clerk read communications from several organizations asking for contributions. After considerable discussion of these various requests it was agreed that our Concerns money be divided equally between FCNL and AFSC.

A letter was read announcing the Witness for Peace which will take place as a vigil on Good Friday, sponsored by the AFSC and other Friends. Through a combination of circumstances the Yearly Meeting Peace Committee is not sponsoring the vigil this year so funds are needed to help defray expenses involved in the arrangements for the vigil. Our Meeting was asked to appoint an Overseer for the vigil and Thelma Babbitt agreed to act in this capacity for the meeting.

We were reminded of the Friends World Committee Conference which will take place at Guilford College, North Carolina at the end of July. Many Friends from all over the world will be in this country and some may be traveling to New England. The Clerk was asked to write to Herbert Hadley offering hospitality if needed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:45 P.M. purposing to meet again on third month 12, 1967.

Thelma Babbitt
Recording Clerk

Recording Clerk

Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting
Ministry and Counsel
Feb. 4,1967

The following are some thoughts, suggestions,and obligations that arose from the sessions:

1. Monadnock Meeting,along with Hartford and Middletown, is asked to write a Report of the Spiritual Condition,to be sent to
2. Fred Wheeler,Clerk before next Quarterly Meeting in May. 247 Beach Ave.,Watertown,Conn.06795.
2. Statistical Report is due March 6th.Send to Jeanne Clepper, 12 Prospect Street,Bloomfield,Conn. 06002.

3. Nominating Committee--Janeel Ravndal to respond to Helen Bliss.

4. Rufus Jones Lecture--April 7th,~~Mt Toby Meetinghouse~~,8 P.M. overnight hospitality provided. David Mallory will speak on Recent Educational Developments as they affect Friends Business School-Univ.of Mass.

Cornelius Kruse shared some thoughts on the Job of the Ministry and Counsel and How to Get It Done. These thoughts affect all members of the Meeting but the Ministry and Counsel should be responsible for seeing that Meeting for Worship and those other activities of the Meeting that will promote the spiritual growth are carried out.

'The unique distinctiveness of Quaker Meeting is its collective silence, a living silence or a communion with the Divine. Yet, the spontaniety of the vocal ministry must be ever present. Every expression ~~must be an of faith~~ is an expression of faith. We have no creed, but our shared faith forms a community and develops a creed. The search for the divine permeates scripture, both Christian and non-Christian. One must always remain a true Seeker The spiritual life grows with care and constant attention--we seek the eternal in the midst of time. Quakerism is a type of mysticism, and this mysticism is the bedrock of religious faith It is the immediacy or directness of experience with God. We must prepare ourselves spiritually and prepare our meeting spiritually rather than prepare a message or use social gimmicks to make the Meeting grow.

When do we elder?Do we ever in love try to be helpful to other people? One must be very sure; we must earn the right to elder.

It was thought that youth need to be encouraged or appreciation expressed when they take part vocally in Meeting. "Thee was well-favoured this morning" has been used to express this belongingness.

Practically speaking, he felt that having a house for worship, a library, forums before meeting, Dinners after meeting, family gatherings, weekend retreats, adult family discussion groups, all help to develop the atmosphere of cordiality and friendship. Some need a family atmosphere,others do not find it important. New London Friends have asked to be recognized as a Monthly Meeting and become members of Conn.Valley Quarterly Mtg.Consideration was given to the needs of expecting Meetings to grow---this included a discussion of a home vs. public building for a meetingplace;when once one is inmore often one feels as if one belongs,but those without may not enter.

Statistics for Monadnock Monthly Meeting for 1966

	Particular Meetings			Totals
PLEASE READ BEFORE FILLING OUT When Monthly Meetings consist of more than one Particular Meeting, each particular meeting should fill out a blank for the Monthly Meeting. Each Monthly Meeting should make up its report from the Particular Meeting reports, where more than one Particular Meeting is involved; otherwise use only the "Monthly Meeting" blank for making up its report to the Quarterly Meeting. The "Quarterly Meeting" blank is to be used in making a summary of the several Monthly Meeting reports. All reports SHOULD BE RECORDED IN FULL DETAIL.				
1. Number of Members last year, DEC 31 1965				37
2. Additions due to Omissions in last year's Report, DEC 31 1965				
3. Additions by Birth,				
4. Additions by Request, including from another Denomination,				1
5. Additions by Certificate from another Friends Meeting,				
6. Total Additions,				1
7. Loss due to Removal of persons included by Error in last year's Report, DEC 31 1965				7
8. Loss by Death,				
9. Loss by Discontinuance, Resignation, or Disownment,				
10. Loss by Certificate to another Friends Meeting,				6
11. Loss by Letter to another Denomination,				
12. Total Loss,				13
13. Number of Members this Year, DEC 31 1966				25
14. Net Gain,				
15. Net Loss,				12
16. Number of Males,				14
17. Number of Females,				11
18. Number under 21 years of age,				11
19. Number of Junior Members,				5
20. Number of Junior Members Transferred to Active Membership,				2
21. Number of Resident Members,				16
22. Number of Non-Resident Members,				9
23. Average Attendance at Sunday Worship (estimate),				15
24. Average Attendance of Children at Sunday School,				0
25. Average Attendance of Adults at Sunday School,				0
26. Number of Sunday School Classes.				0
PROVE ALL FIGURES AND TOTALS AS SUGGESTED BELOW.				

SUGGESTIONS.—To be sure that no mistakes occur in this report, observe the following.

1. See that No. 1 is correct as it was reported last year. If a mistake in last year's figures has been discovered since then, call it "Additions due to Omissions in last year's Report," (see No. 2) or "Loss due to Removal of persons included by Error in last year's Report," (see No. 7), as the case may be, and add or subtract as may be required to make No. 13 on this report exactly correct, then write a brief note of explanation on the report.
2. The addition of Nos. 2, 3, 4, and 5 will give No. 6; and of 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 will give No. 12.
3. If No. 6 is larger than No. 12, subtract No. 12 from No. 6 to obtain No. 14; but if No. 12 is larger subtract No. 6 from No. 12 to obtain No. 15. Of course only one of the numbers 14 and 15 will have figures. If there is a "net gain," add No. 14 to No. 1 to obtain No. 13. If there is a "net loss," subtract No. 15 from No. 1 to obtain No. 13.
4. See that No. 13 is the same as the sum of 16 and 17, and of 21 and 22.
5. Keep your records corrected up to date. Good records make easy reports.
6. Keep on hand a copy of this report for future reference.

Thelma Babbitt
Recording Clerk

March 12, 1967
Monadnock Monthly Meeting

The business meeting of the Monadnock Monthly Meeting due to be held third month 12 was cancelled because so few members were present. The next meeting for business is expected to be held on fourth month 9.

April 9, 1967
Monadnock Monthly Meeting

Monadnock Monthly Meeting for business was held on fourth month 9, 1967 at Rindge, N.H. beginning at 11:15 a.m. following meeting for Worship.

The minutes of second month 12 were read and approved.

I Ministry and Council - Meeting on Ministry and Council was held at the home of Virginia Towle on third month 14 * There was considerable discussion of the application of Nancy and Ronald Batzdorf for membership in our Meeting. The Clerk had been asked to write to them and to the Clerk of the Dover Meeting - the nearest Meeting to where they have bought a home - expressing the hope that both the Batzdorfs and the members of the Dover meeting will seek opportunities to become acquainted with one another. We will continue to await further word from the Batzdorfs since no response has been forthcoming as yet.

* Virginia Towle had been asked to substitute for George Bliss as a member of Ministry and Council inasmuch as George was away on an extended trip with Meeting School students.

Ministry and Council then turned its attention to the matter of the Spiritual Condition of our Meeting. Long and prayerful thought was given to this subject and the following Minute was written for the attention and consideration of the Monthly Meeting. The text of this Minute is as follows:

> - We feel that the spiritual condition of our Meeting this year has been unsatisfactory. We are a tiny group of individuals who perhaps expect more from our Meeting and ourselves than we are able to give. Geographically we are widely scattered. Our lives are so engrossed with diverse activities, we find it difficult because of time and commitment to come together for fellowship. We need the help of Friends from other Meetings to assist us in considering ways to strengthen our Meeting and

encourage spiritual growth.

After much thought and discussion we felt that Monthly Meeting as a whole should review the spiritual condition and seek ways to enrich it. One step in this direction might be to encourage more informal visiting among members of our small group. Another possibility might be to consider moving the physical location of our Meeting to a public building. Should Monthly Meeting take the initiative in inviting experienced Friends to come to Monthly Meeting to help us as we consider the future of our meeting?

After discussion of this Minute it was agreed to hold a special called meeting to consider its contents seriously. Saturday afternoon, fourth month 22 at 1:30 P.M. was agreed upon as a possible time at the home of the Stablers in Swanzey. Cards will be sent out to all members and non-resident members urging them to be present.

A copy of the spiritual condition will be sent to David McAllester, Wesleyan Univ., Middletown, Conn, clerk of quarterly Meeting.

II Quarterly Meeting is to be held fifth month 7 at New Haven, Conn. No one could be found who was willing to represent our Meeting at Quarterly Meeting. The Clerk will try to find someone willing to go.

III Clerk's Announcements – The Clerk read several announcemen and requests for contributions. A summary follows:

The Mosher Book and Tract Committee offers each year books for the use of the Meeting. Janeal Ravndal was asked to check the book list with our books and inform them which books to send us.

Cathedral of the Pines program for the coming season lists a Friends Meeting on August 6 at 5 P.M.

A Bill in Congress intending to provide fines for people sending relief to "enemies" was brought to our attention. This is especially aimed at Friends who are sending medical supplies to North Vietnam. The Clerk was asked to write to our Congressmen to protest this Bill.

New England Yearly Meeting is to be held this year at Nasson College, Springvale, Maine, eighth month 22-27 instead of in sixth month as has been the practice recently.

IV A report on the Good Friday Prayer Vigil held in Boston was given by Thelma Babbitt who was an Overseer appointed by this Meeting. Some 250 persons participated with a number joining the Vigil as they passed in the street. The Meeting for Worship at Beacon Hill Friends House which preceded the Vigil set a deeply reverent spirit which prevailed throughout the day.

Tom and Julie Snell reported on the Keene Peace Vigil being held each Saturday from 11:30 to 12:30 P.M. They reported a good deal of heckling at first but also there were many favorable responses. A few people off the street joined the Vigil. From 12 to 20 persons are participating. They will continue each Saturday at this same time.

V The Nominating Committee was reminded that a report is due from them at next Monthly Meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned purposing to meet again fifth month 13, 1967.

Thelma W. Babbitt
Recording Clerk

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
April 22, 1967

There was a called meeting of Monadnock Monthly Meeting on fourth month 22, at 1:30 P.M. at the home of Griffin and Lois Stabler, Swanzey Center, N.H.

I The purpose of this meeting was to consider the spiritual condition of our Meeting, the report of which was approved at last Monthly Meeting. Also to consider any other business of the Meeting.

Present were the following members:

Helen Bliss
Janeal Ravndal
Joel Hayden
Griffin Stabler
Lois Stabler
George Bliss
Virginia Towle
Thelma Babbitt
Elizabeth McGreal

Also present were regular attenders Tom and Julie Snell of Providence Monthly Meeting.

The meeting opened with a period of silence, following which the Clerk read the statement of our spiritual condition. (Please refer to the official minutes of last Monthly Meeting for the text of the statement.)

Several questions were posed for consideration and discussion, some of which were:

Are the problems of our Meeting unique?
Are they related to the very small number of members?
Or is it because each member has such a full, busy schedule that he has little time, energy or interest to give to becoming a fully participating member of the Meeting?
Does the wide geographical spread of our members contribute to the weak spiritual condition of our Meeting?
Does the location of the Meeting for Worship on the premises of the Meeting School make it difficult for our Meeting to grow and develop spiritually?
How important is the Monadnock Monthly Meeting to the Meeting School community?
What do we expect from our Meeting for Worship anyway?

There were many comments and much discussion relating to all of these questions. We seemed to agree that our problems are not unique but we felt there are a number of factors when, when all are put together, do have a disturbing effect upon the Meeting for Worship.

Some of these factors were identified. We are indeed a small group and growing smaller all the time. This means that there is little room for flexibility in spreading responsibilities for Meeting affairs. Discussion also brought out that there are large differences among members of our small group as to the concept of a Quaker Meeting for Worship, and therefore that there are highly disparate expectations.

It was also brought out that, while it is true that each of us leads a very busy life, if the *quality* of the Meeting were what it should be ideally, each member would put a higher priority on taking an active part in Meeting for Worship and would thus make it a central part of his life.

We discussed for a time various alternatives: Should we lay down the Meeting and become an informal worship group? Should we become a Preparative Meeting and if so, under the care of what Monthly Meeting? There seemed to be no consensus on this so we turned back to exploring other possibilities.

The wide geographical spread was thought to be less important than the location of the Meeting. For a long time there has been a feeling in our Meeting of a division between those whose lives are completely involved in the School and those who are not connected with it. There were strong expressions of a desire to hold Meeting for Worship at a different location, preferably in a public building. It was thought possible that if it were held in such a place, particularly if it were in a larger town, there might well be an increased attendance and possibly an expanding membership.

The question of the relationship to the Meeting School was considered. We learned that the School is having a quiet period each day and that there is some intention of experimenting with a longer weekly Meeting for Worship. It seemed clear, therefore, that the Monadnock Monthly Meeting does not necessarily occupy a central place in the life of the School.

There was finally agreement that we should experiment with holding Meeting for Worship in a different location for a few months. Various places were suggested:

Jaffrey Public Library and Jaffrey Catholic Parish House
Peterborough Public Library and the Historical Society Rooms.

George and Helen Bliss agreed to look into the Jaffrey locations and Elizabeth McGreal will explore the Peterborough possibilities. A report will be brought back to next Monthly Meeting. Elizabeth McGreal offered to be responsible for room arrangements with Judy Haven and Thelma Babbitt as possible alternates.

II The Clerk asked for volunteers to represent us at Quarterly Meeting in New Haven on 5th month 7. Jeneal Ravndal and Helen Bliss agreed to go. We were also asked to ~~volunteer as~~ send representatives to yearly meeting 8th month 22 to 27 at Nasson College in Springvale, Maine. Virginia Towle agreed to do this if she is able to go.

III George and Helen Bliss reported they had talked with the Batzdorfs. They are considering a position with the Unitarians working on an Indian reservation and will be leaving Durham. It was agreed there should be no further action taken on their application for membership.

IV The matter of Committees was discussed and it was decided to lay down all Committees, the Monthly Meeting as a whole to act when necessary. However it was suggested the three officers - Clerk, Treasurer and Recording Secretary act as an executive committee to deal with Meeting affairs as required between Monthly Meetings.

V It was suggested and subsequently agreed that in September we should set dates for periodic gatherings of our members for fellowship and possibly discussion.

There being no further business this called meeting was adjourned at 4:30 P.M. purposing to meet in regular Monthly Meeting on 5th month 14, 1967 at Rindge, N.H.

Thelma Babbitt, Recording Secretary

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
May 14, 1962 -

The Monadnock Monthly Meeting for Business was held on fifth month 14, 1962 at Rindge, N. H.

I The Minutes of the last regular Monthly Meeting were read and approved.

II The Minutes of the called meeting, held on fourth month 22, at 1:30 P.M. at the home of the Stablers in Swanzey, were read and approved. It was suggested that these Minutes, dealing with matters of considerable importance to the Monthly Meeting, be sent to all members and non-resident members and regular attenders. A copy of the Spiritual Condition report which occasioned this called meeting should be included in the letter. Virginia Towle agreed to take responsibility for typing and duplicating such a letter.

It was further suggested that a copy of our report of Spiritual Condition be sent to the Clerk of each Monthly Meeting in our Quarter. The Clerk will do this and will include some further explanation of our discussion at the called meeting.

III The report of the Nominating Committee was read. The following names were suggested:

Thomas Snell, Clerk
Griffin Stabler, Treasurer
Janeal Ravndal, Recording Clerk

It is noted that Tom and Julie Snell have indicated their intention of transferring their membership from Providence Monthly Meeting. Tom has not indicated his final decision about accepting this nomination. The Clerk will talk with the Snells and find out where this matter stands. The report of the Nominating Committee was accepted pending final word from Tom Snell.

IV Report from Quarterly Meeting - Inasmuch as Helen Bliss, who had taken notes at this meeting, was not present the report will be heard at next Monthly Meeting. Janeal Ravndal, who also went to Quarterly Meeting, reported that the Spiritual Condition of our Meeting had not been received at the time of the meeting. It was suggested that another copy should be sent to Curtis Johnson, Clerk of Quarterly Meeting. Our Clerk agreed to do this.

V Location of Meeting for Worship - A letter from Elizabeth McGreal was read. She had inquired into the availability of a room at the Peterborough library. This room is available without charge. It has a separate entrance and seems quite suitable except that there is no good place for the small children to be cared for. There were various suggestions made as to other places to use for the children: Judy Havey's apartment might be suitable. Also there are four churches within one to three blocks away which might have space available.

There was no report on the facilities at the Historical Society rooms.

There was no report on the suggested facilities in Jaffrey. The Blisses were at Woolman Hill and efforts to get in touch with them to see if they had anything to report were not successful.

It was agreed that Judy Havey and Virginia Towle would look into the Peterborough possibilities. The Clerk will be in touch with the Blisses to see if they have a report on the Jaffrey locations.

A special called meeting was agreed upon to be held at 9:30 A.M. on First Day fifth month 21, before meeting for Worship, to discuss the various alternatives on location.

VI Louis Marstaller, executive secretary of N. E. Yearly Meeting, was present and was asked to comment upon the questions under discussion in our Monthly Meeting. He said the matter of membership commitment is a large problem in many Meetings. New people put Meeting interests in first, second or even third priority of concern. If individuals don't take responsibility for spiritual condition of the Meeting, this will be reflected in the quality of the Meeting for Worship. The location of a Meeting on the premises of a School or a Home frequently results in problems of identification. Moving to a public place does not solve all problems but often helps unify a Meeting. Inviting Friends from other Meetings often proves helpful.

VII The Clerk announced receipt of a letter from Yearly Meeting asking for a Contribu to the Equalization Fund. This is budgeted and a check will be sent. The Clerk also announced an invitation to attend Northwest Quarterly Meeting on June 10 + 11 at Webb's Camp.

There being no further business, the Meeting was adjourned purposing to meet in a called session on fifth month 21 at 9:30 a.m.

Thelma Babbitt
Recording Clerk

Monadnock Monthly Meeting

There was a called meeting of Monadnock Monthly Meeting held fifth month 21, 1967
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This meeting was called to review possibilities of obtaining a suitable meeting place in Jaffrey or Peterborough.

Judy Harvey reported that our children could use the Unitarian Church school room during Meeting if it were held in Peterborough. There might be some problem of overlap as our meeting ends fifteen minutes after theirs begins. This did not sound too promising.

George Bliss reported on Jaffrey possibilities. The Jaffrey Womens' Club is not available to church groups. The Library is not a possibility. The Parish House or Community Center is an old church building that we could use. The former church sanctuary is now empty. It is a large room heated all of the time and chairs could be arranged suitably for Meeting. There are kitchen facilities for coffee, etc. The room is large so we might want to screen off part of it. There is an organ and a piano for hymn singing. It is spartan - not decorated at all. There is a large parking lot where children could play in the summer and there are two small rooms upstairs that could be used for baby-sitting or for a First Day School. There is no rent for this facility but a contribution would be appreciated. In the winter someone will have to go early and turn up the heat and arrange chairs.

After some discussion, George Bliss was asked to arrange for us to use the Parish House first day fifth month 28. Virginia Toll volunteered to go early and arrange the room. This arrangement will be reviewed at subsequent Monthly Meetings. Griffin Stabler

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
June 11, 1967

The Monadnock Monthly Meeting for business was held on sixth month 11, 1967 at the Parish House of the United Church of Jaffrey in Jaffrey, N. H. at 11:15 A.M. following meeting for Worship

I The minutes of the last Monthly Meeting were read and approved.

II The minutes of the called meeting held fifth month 21, 1967 were read. It was felt that the sentence regarding the use of the Unitarian Church for the children of our Meeting was not wholly accurate. It was pointed out that it seemed possible an arrangement, either with the Unitarian Church or some other church might well be worked out if we wished to do so. It was also mentioned that at this called Meeting a concern had been expressed that Monthly Meeting should discuss whether we wish to provide for religious education or a place to play for the children of the Meeting. With these additions the minutes were approved.

III The Clerk reported that Thomas Snell of the Meeting School in Rindge had agreed to be Clerk of this Monthly Meeting for the coming year. He and Julie Snell plan to transfer their membership from Providence, R. I. Monthly Meeting by September.

IV The Treasurer reported that bills for the Equalization Fund and Friends Journal Ad have been paid, leaving a balance on hand of $255.87. It was suggested we use the item budgeted for a Meeting Fund, in amount of $135, to set up a special Meeting House Fund and that we budget further for this Fund next year. The suggestion was also made that we review our budget in the fall and consider the possibility of adding to such a Fund any balance left in our Treasury at the end of our fiscal year.

The Meeting agreed to follow these suggestions.

V The use of the Parish House has not formally been approved by the Board of Trustees of the United Church of Jaffrey. It was thought that a letter should be sent by the Clerk to the Trustees expressing appreciation for the temporary use of the Parish House and the hope that we might be permitted to use it at least until September of this year, at which time the location of Meeting will again be discussed.

The Clerk was asked to write such a letter.

VI The report of Quarterly Meeting, deferred from last Monthly Meeting, was given by Helen Bliss.

A new Monthly Meeting has been established in New London, Connecticut, much to the satisfaction of all concerned.

There was some helpful discussion of our report on Spiritual Condition, during which it was brought out that our difficulties, troubling as they are, are not uncommon among Monthly Meetings both large and small.

Staughton Lind, a member of the New Haven Monthly Meeting, spoke on the historical background of Quaker dissent. A very deep and meaningful discussion followed.

The will be no Quarterly Meeting this summer, the next one being in October at the Mt. Toby Meeting House.

VII Referring back to Minute V regarding location of Meeting, we were reminded that we should immediately notify the Friends Journal of the change in location of our Meeting for Worship. It was also thought well to put an ad in the Jaffrey paper - The Monadnock Ledger - and in the Keene Sentinel. The Clerk agreed to do the latter job and Helen Bliss will notify the Friends Journal of the change in meeting place. She will also ask them to put in a special box noting this change. Calvin Wolcott has agreed to put a notice on the poster of the N. H. Council of Churches.

VIII The Meeting at the Cathedral in the Pines, scheduled for 5 P.M. on Eighth Month 6, 1967 was discussed. A notice should be sent to the Friends Journal telling of this and Clarabel Marstaller in Freeport, Me. should be notified so a notice can be put in the New England Friend. Helen Bliss agreed to notify the Friends Journal and Thelma Babbitt will get in touch with Clarabel Marstaller.

Joel Hayden told us that on a recent visit to Oberlin College he had visited with our member Janice Vogel. She is well and sends her greetings to members of the Monthly Meeting.

Virginia Toll agreed to arrange the meeting room during June and July.

Chris and Janeal Ravndal agreed to represent this meeting at New England Yearly Meeting. Virginia Toll will also do this if she is able to attend.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned purposing to meet again on ninth month 10, 1967.

Thelma Babbitt
Recording Clerk

September 17, 1967

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Clerk read a letter from the United Church of Jaffrey trustees, approving our use of the Parish Hall. We agreed to continue meeting at the Parish Hall. More signs identifying the meeting were suggested, also a schedule for turning up the heat and snow-shovelling was suggested. The Clerk will send $25 and a letter of appreciation to the United Church of Jaffrey for our use of the building until now.

The Clerk read parts of a letter from Helen Bliss but her request was unclear. Tom Snell will see Blisses in Washington and clarify their wishes. The meeting approved whatever it is they want

The Clerk told of information about ways to help Vietnamese orphans. Judy Hadley, Tom Snell, Griffin Stabler and Janet [illegible] offered to pay $5 a month toward the care of a Vietnamese orphan. The Clerk will write for more up-to-date information inquiring how the finances are handled in Saigon and what our responsibility is to the child. Our group decision will await this information.

The Clerk read recommendations from a Quaker Action Group that we:

1. Contribute to [illegible] cost of medical supplies [for Vietnam].
2. Schedule showing of Phoenix film.
3. Distribute brochures.
4. Speak out for harmony and unity of concern within the Society of Friends

Elizabeth McGreal suggested that we read from the queries at Meeting for Worship. [illegible] each week.

Tom Scull, Griffin Stabler and Janet Randal will draw up a budget for the next meeting.

We will discuss possible purchase of hymnals and time for fellowship gatherings at the next meeting.

October 8, 1967

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Bless family wish to transfer membership to Adelphi Meeting in Maryland. Approved.

The clerk reported concerning the Vietnamese orphans, that Welcome House takes care of adoption for the children and that there is a person in Vietnam managing finances. We approved taking on one child at $20 per month until this child is adopted.

The budget was approved. See copy attached.

Elizabeth McGreal suggested that we might read together No Time but this Present or Goodspeed's Life of Jesus. Tom Snell suggested the New English Bible as another possibility. We agreed to read the first ten chapters of Mark for our first gathering.

Meeting times and places agreed on were:

November 3	(8:00 - 10:00) Stablers
December 8	Elizabeth McGreal
January 5	Haydens
February 2	Snells
March 1	Randals

"HONEY HILL"
R. D. NO. 2
WINCHESTER
NEW HAMPSHIRE 03470

TREASURERS REPORT Nov. 19, 1967

Monadnock Monthly Meeting Religious Society of Friends

Cash on hand Sept. 1, 1967	$220.09
Receipts to date	235.00
Total	$455.09

Disbursements to date:

Friends Journal for Meeting listing	9.36
United Church of Jaffrey for use of bldg.	25.00
Friends General Conf. for meeting hymnals	27.00
M.S.V.C. for Oct. and Nov. care of Nguyen-Van-Minh	40.00
Total	101.36

Balance Nov. 19, 1967 $353.73

November 12, 1967

A brief business meeting was held without the clerk.

Julie Snell brought up the problem of what to do with small children during Meeting for Worship now that the weather is cold. It was decided to continue discussion on this matter the following week.

Elizabeth McGreal will look into our possible use of the United Church facilities and report next week.

November 19, 1967

Elizabeth McGreal reported that the United Church of Jaffrey would welcome our meeting if we could meet at 8:30 a.m. or in the afternoon. Another possible meeting place is the American Legion Hall in Jaffrey.

The meeting showed interest in three p.m. Sunday afternoon meetings at the United Church of Jaffrey and it was decided to informally poll other members before next week.

The clerk showed us some posters and we decided to post one each Sunday.

the clerk read a financial report. Copy attached.

Tom Snell, Joel Hayden and Elizabeth McGreal volunteered to help with children, perhaps one Sunday each month. A committee of Paula Flemming, Elizabeth McGreal and Mary Gregory was set up to explore materials and methods and to organize the children's program.

The clerk shared with the meeting possible reading material for discussion, information on meeting intervisitation, and the Washington Seminars.

The clerk suggested that we add to the meeting library - emphasizing children's books. We will ask for a volunteer librarian at the next meeting.

The clerk wishes to discuss at the next meeting action we might take as a meeting relating to the Vietnam War.

Since Tom Snell does not feel comfortable reading the queries in Meeting for Worship, others will do this reading, one each month on Monthly Meeting Sunday.

After a brief discussion of what contributions students might make to Meeting for Worship - perhaps sharing some reading they found meaningful, we agreed to express to the students our welcome of their sharing in Meeting for Worship.

December 10, 1967

Tom Snell reported for the committee to find a new meeting place recommending the United Church facilities as ideal for our use. We agreed to experiment with meeting at four o'clock Sunday afternoons at the United Church of Jaffrey. Tom will request permission of the United Church of Jaffrey. ~~Tom Snell~~'s trustees and we will begin meeting there as soon after approval as is feasible.

The clerk reported on a letter from Keith Witty requesting membership in our meeting. We decided to recommend membership in the Hanover meeting since he is now located near there. The clerk will communicate with Keith.

We decided not to hold a meeting at the Cathedral of the Pines this summer.

The clerk suggested group action relating to Vietnam. Following a a discussion of what we might do in local high schools, the Meeting approved Tom Snell and Judy Harvey approaching the Superintendent of Schools in Peterborough, expressing our hope that high school students in the area be presented with information on draft alternatives, and exploring what we may do to help.

THE DRAFT

For anyone eligible to be drafted, the Selective Service Law provides three basic alternatives:

a) Combatant Military Service
b) Non-combatant Military Service (medical Corps)
c) Alternative Service for Conscientious Objectors to War. (civilian work in hospitals, farms, schools, etc.)

The following people in the Monadnock area are prepared to counsel with anyone considering his status relative to the draft, particularly as a conscientious objector or non-combatant.

Calvin Wolcott
Thomas Road
Rindge, N.H.
899-2858

Tom Snell
Thomas Road
Rindge, N.H.
899-6687

Even if they are planning to go to college, people considering the non-combabant or conscientious objector alternatives should think through their position before registering for the draft and take certain preleminary legal steps when registering. The law is complicated, and painful mistakes can be avoided by determining early your eligibility for the various alternatives and the necessary legal procedures.

January 14, 1968

The clerk read a letter from Ruth Hayden in application for membership. Elizabeth McGreal and Janeal Randal will visit Ruth before the next Monthly Meeting

Tom Snell will try to attend Conn. Valley Quarterly Meeting, February 3, 4 in West Hartford

Tom read a statement on the draft - attached - suggesting we put this on Monadnock Monthly Meeting letterhead. This proposal was approved and Tom Snell and Judy Harvey will be spreading the sheet in local schools - Peterborough, Jaffrey, and perhaps Keene.

The clerk read a letter from John Foster concerning the Yearly Meeting budget. We approve the budget with some interest in knowing how Friends United Meeting portion is spent, and question the small amount for FCNL and Friends General Conference. The clerk will ask Lupin Stabler and Janeal Randal to work up lists of Yearly Meeting services we have used, to send to John Foster

The clerk read a letter about Meetings and Extensions. We are happy to have a visitor from the committee and Tom will write inviting the visitor for a whole weekend including a Friday night discussion.

The clerk will send a postcard asking whether we need to write a spiritual condition report this year, having written one last year.

The clerk has information on burial suggestions from Cambridge Meeting.

We plan to discuss and reevaluate the proposed revision of Friends Peace Testimony at next monthly meeting.

February 11, 1965

The minutes were read and approved. The clerk will send for more of the brochure on the Peace Testimony and we will discuss the material next month.

We welcome Ruth Hayden with love. The clerk will write a letter welcoming Ruth to membership in our meeting.

We will suggest to the United Church that we pay $400 annually for the use of their facilities. The clerk will write offering this amount and saying that we will consider paying more if they wish. The letter will mention the number of our membership and suggest they figure the correspondence of this with their costs for building per capita.

Eric Stabler read a letter from Saigon concerning our orphan who is now living in New Jersey with a family there. The letter asks if we wish to continue our support. We will discuss this at our next meeting.

Calvin Wolcott announced that Don Luce is speaking a week from Tue at 10 a.m. at the Peterborough Congregational Church.

FCNL reports that we did not send our gift ($50) to them last year. We will discuss this at the next meeting.

April 10, 1968

After silence, the minutes were read and approved.

Thelma Babbit expressed a concern about our meeting. She feels that both organizationally and spiritually our meeting has deteriorated since our last spiritual condition report which itself reported the meeting to be in an unsatisfactory state. She suggests that we might become a worship-fellowship group to eliminate our duties to the larger bodies of Friends.

There was some agreement with Thelma's concern. All agreed that as busy and scattered people we deny our meeting time and commitment which would benefit it. Some felt inadequate to or guilty about their role in the meeting.

Steve Fleischer expressed the positive values of our small meeting. Lois Stabler from her experience in other meetings, felt that our problems are common to all meetings. Chris Raindal felt that we are growing as a meeting and that by setting up priorities and limiting ourselves to necessary business we might solve some of our problems. Another suggestion was that we each consider carefully what we are willing and able to give to the Meeting. Perhaps we could rotate years as clerk.

Other questions and concerns entered the discussion and we agreed that we need another, longer time to discuss the matter. Thelma Babbit will contact Louis Marstaller as to when he can come and meet with us on this matter.

At our May discussion meeting we will discuss the peace testimony revisions. The clerk will send copies of the material to Elizabeth McNeal, Thelma Babbit and the Stablers.

Ruth Hayden and Janeal Randal will attend Quarterly Meeting in New Haven, Conn. May 5, taking with them our concerns about the state of our meeting and asking for help from the Quarter.

Twenty-five dollars will be sent to Yearly Meeting Equalization fund as budgeted.

The Snells are approved as representatives from our meeting to the Cape May Conference, if they wish to attend.

Other questions raised, but not answered, included
- Should we spend the $7.50 per week the United Church asks from us for use of the building, or is that too much overhead?
- Is an afternoon meeting satisfactory?
- May we use an additional room in the church as a nursery for the smallest children?
- What does laying down a meeting involve?
- What happens to individual memberships when a meeting is dissolved.

Friday evening, May 3

Louis Marstaller and Robert Nichols met with us at Thelma Babbit's home to discuss the continuance of our Monthly Meeting.

Early in the meeting it seemed clear that we wish to continue as a meeting - but are looking for a way to feel comfortable about going on.

After reading pertinent parts of the last minutes we discussed what our minimum duties as a meeting might be. We expressed a need to deal with the mail in some way. Some thought the clerk could elyminate much of it, or that much of it could be posted for those interested. Meeting for business need not be held monthly - perhaps it could be every other month, alternating with discussion - fellowship evenings. Robert Nichols said we should not dwell on our responsibilities to the larger bodies of Friends - that our only real responsibility to them is to be a healthy meeting, and we are free to seek that goal however we wish.

Most agreed that an afternoon Meeting for Worship is unsatisfactory. But we could not resolve the question of whether having a morning meeting is more important than having First Day School. We decided to continue afternoon meetings until June and to discuss the time and place of Meetings for Worship at the next Monthly Meeting.

In a discussion of the clerkship we struggled to clarify just what the duties of a clerk are. Some felt that regular attenders who are not members could be chosen for clerk or other offices, though this did not sound suitable to others. In the meeting Robert Nichols attends they appoint a nominal clerk, but in reality members take turns at clerking meetings.

A nominating committee of Thelma Babbit, Elizabeth McNeal and James Hitchcock was appointed to begin work on choosing new officers.

At next monthly meeting we will decide on a time (probably evening) for the June Monthly Meeting.

The meeting expressed pleasure that the Hitchcocks are planning to transfer their memberships to our meeting. Ruth Hayden and Janeal Rabndal were appointed as a welcoming committee to visit the Hitchcocks.

Before the silence closing meeting Robert Nichols expressed concern at sensing that members of our meeting are not always open in expressing disagreement with one another.

May 12, 1968

Ruth Hayden reported a good time at Quarterly Meeting held at New Haven where Quarterly Meeting Ministry and Counsel listened to a report of our problems and offered encouragement and suggestions e.g.: that we use willing non-members as officers, and pass around mail for reading by members. Quarterly Meeting members were asked to visit our meeting to share with us.

Monthly Meeting for Business will be held June 9 at 3 o'clock at the Peterborough Library.

Beginning June 2 we will meet for worship at the Village Improvement Society Jaffrey Center at 10:45 a.m. As this building is unheated it can be used only for the summer. At next monthly meeting we will set up a schedule for the welcoming committee at the new meeting place. Elizabeth McNeal will change the meeting announcements in newspapers.

The meeting is not willing to officiate at the wedding of Keith Witty and Sandra Upton, June 15 in Unity Meeting House.

Grif Stabler is to be notified that we approve sending 67 more to Yearly Meeting if we have enough money, and that we owe $75 to the United Church of Jaffrey.

Members who may wish to entertain a Negro child from Roxbury for two weeks this summer should call Evelyn Danforth of Peterborough.

Ruth Hayden has written a thank you note to The United Church of Jaffrey.

Slate -- to be presented at Business Meeting of
Monadnock Monthly Meeting June 9, 1968

Clerk	Elizabeth Y. McGreal
Recording Clerk	Janeal Ravndal
Assistant Rec."	Ruth Hayden
Treasurer	Griffin Stabler
Ministry and Counsel	James Hitchcock Lois Stabler Chris Ravndal
Meeting Arrangements	Thelma Roethlisberger Helen Hitchcock Joel Hayden Griffin Stabler
First Day School and Care of Children	Berit Wolcott Julie Snell
Peace and Social Action	Mary Gregory Tom Snell
Race Relations	Thelma Roethlisberger Judy Havey

The Nominating Committee would like to recommend that Officers and Committees take effect July 1, 1968.

The Nominating Committee would also like to suggest that a Post Office Box for all mail to the Meeting be taken, as of July first, at the Jaffrey Post Office and that the Clerk and Recording Clerk have keys for collection of the mail as often and as convenient as possible.

Nominating Committee

James Hitchcock
Thelma Roethlisberger
Elizabeth Y. McGreal

June 9, Peterborough

The meeting welcomes Mary Gregory who requests transfer from Palo Alto, California meeting.

There will be a summer quarterly meeting at Storrs, Conn., July 28. James and Helen Hitchcock will represent us at that session.

We approve sending the $50 remaining in our concerns budget to S. C. L. C. What to do with the other surplus money will be decided at the next meeting.

Ministry and Counsel will decide whether any student members should receive "Friends Journal".

Tom Snell will remove the meeting books from the Parish Hall in Jaffrey and take them to The Meeting School.

Hospitality committees were set up for Meeting for Worship through Sept 1.

A slate of new officers and committees was presented and approved, to take effect July 1, 1968. See facing page.

We agreed to have a post office box in Jaffrey for meeting mail beginning July 1. The new address will be box 325 Jaffrey.

Elizabeth Mc Greal suggested we draft a letter to the major net works saying that we deplore undue use of violence as entertainment. We approved a letter which will be sent also to local papers

Chuck Cox suggested we have discussion meetings to appeal to Meeting school students. Ministry + Counsel will study this idea and set up a program.

Our next meeting for business will be 8 p.m. at the Peterborough Library on July 14.

July 14, 1968

1
Present: James and Helen Hitchcock, Thelma Rothlisberger, Elizabeth McGreal, Ruth and Ted Hayden, Tom Snell.

2. Elizabeth McGreal began the meeting by reading a passage from a British book, *Christian Faith and Practice in the Experience of the Society of Friends*.
A brief period of worship followed.

3. James and Helen Hitchcock asks to be excused from attending Quarterly Meeting because of unexpected guests.

4. It was brought to our attention that there is an item in the *Friends Journal* of July 1, 1968 concerning the letter our meeting wrote to the major networks praising worthwhile programs and criticizing undue violence in others.

5. We welcome into our membership with pleasure James and Helen Hitchcock, who have transferred from Burlington (N.J.) Monthly Meeting.

6. Thelma suggested that we number the minutes in the Minute Book so that we can easily find them when reference is made to them. This will be done.

7. Ruth Hayden will complete the "record of membership" forms for our vital statistics book for James and Helen Hitchcock, Mary Gregory and Ruth Hayden.

8. Griffin Stabler has suggested that we take our surplus funds and put them in a special account to be used for some special purpose. At our next Business Meeting we will discuss what purposes this money might be used for.

9. It was decided that the Treasurer should be asked to submit a financial report for each Monthly Meeting. Keith Hayden will write to Griffin Stabler, asking him to do this.

10. Report from Meeting Arrangements Committee (see attached report)

The Rindge Cathedral House is available for the use of our meeting. Once in a great while, it might not be available and, at such times, we could use Hilltop House.

We should inquire if there are available rooms upstairs. Downstairs there are two large rooms, a kitchen, a study and a bathroom.

No fee will be charged but free-will offerings would be accepted.

Mr. Sloane was very cordial and they would be very happy to have us use Cathedral House.

It was suggested that Monthly Meetings for Business be held at the Peterborough Library Hall.

It was felt that buying our own building would be too much of a financial burden for the meeting but that we should keep it in mind and perhaps think of starting a building fund.

People at The Meeting School are unable to increase their contributions substantially to the meeting.

Thelma feels that it is good for the health of the meeting to have a permanent home from which to go out into the community. She feels we should have a building fund to which those in a position to do so would add funds.

We will have to wait till there are more members present before we can make a definite decision.

The Meeting is willing to make some financial commitment for either renting or buying property.

11. We will decide at our next Meeting whether or not we want to have First-Day school and facilities for such a school.

12. The Meeting feels that the Cathedral House would be a good arrangement except for its somewhat remote location. The committee will continue to look into other possibilities and we will discuss the entire issue at our next Business Meeting in August.

Ruth Hayden will advise the Stahlers, the Thundals and Mary Gregory of the importance of this next Business Meeting. She will also inform them that New England Yearly Meeting will be held from August 20-23 at Nasson College in Springvale, Maine

13. Friends are encouraged to visit Hazel Hayden, who is now at Belmar Nursing Home in Peterborough.

Friends were asked to keep Julie Snell's father in their prayers. He is seriously ill.

14. The Meeting was adjourned purposing to meet on Sunday August 11 at 1:30 P.M. at Peterborough Library Hall.

Ruth F. Hayden
Assistant Recording Clerk

1. PETERBOROUGH

Peterborough Library Hall

If First Day School rooms are necessary, there are four churches which may offer possibilities. There are also several nursery schools which may be willing to rent rooms for First-Day school

2. JAFFREY AND JAFFREY CENTER

Helen and I visited the Monadnock Insurance Agency to ask whether they might know of possible buildings available. They were at a loss except for the Grange Hall in Jaffrey which proved not to be available for religious groups. The other somewhat remote possibility John Widiner mentioned was the West Rindge Methodist Church which might be "coming on the market" in the fall, as they are considering merging with the other church.

Helen and I visited with the Rev. Leamon at First Church Jaffrey Center. We asked about every possibility we could think of in that area. He mentioned the little white house beside the church which is for sale. Mrs. Hekking next door owns it. Subsequently I visited Mrs. Hekking after talking with her on the phone. She is much interested in Friends and knows Mary Hoxie and Miriam Jones in South China, Maine. Actually spoke at first as though she were a Quaker herself but this proved not to be the case. She says he paid $16,500 for the little house and has completely renovated it at a cost of $9000 including a new heating system and roof, completely redecorated and it is in perfect condition. She feels she should get $20,000. I asked about renting and she was reluctant about that as she really wants to sell. However, she rented it last year for $125 a month. I said of course we couldn't pay that for the use of it on Sunday. She is going to think about it and if it doesn't sell before September she may consider renting. I think it unlikely we can get it short of buying, if we were interested.

Next, Helen and I visited with Mrs. Trimble, the lady who keeps the keys to the Academy where we are meeting now and who had told us of Mrs. Wetherell's concern about our tracking in dirt and grass; also that she had seen children going in there. Mrs. Trimble suggested we offer to pay Mrs. Wetherell's maid for cleaning it each Monday or else that we would sweep it out ourselves. It was too late that day to go see her so I wrote her a letter, offering this proposition and thanking her for the use of the Academy. I also wrote to Glen Hillard, the current president of the Village Improvement Society thanking him. I gather there was some hard feelings on his part because he wasn't approached directly. But he is going out of office in August.

Mrs. Wetherell phoned me at my home and was most profuse in her appreciation for our letter and said to think nothing about the paying of her maid. She would like to do that as a small contribution to the Friends, she said, and invited me to call on her when I could.

I went to see Mrs. Wetherell Friday morning while I was looking at the Welling house and found Mrs. W. cordial and friendly, but extremely conservative in all her views. She said she was glad to have the Friends there. I told her of our needs for a heated place and asked whether there were any plans for heating the Academy. She said no one would do it but herself and she had no intention of doing so.

3. DUBLIN

I was asked by the committee to explore possibilities in Dublin. I talked with Mr. Trowbridge of YANKEE MAGAZINE. He told me about the Dublin Woman's Club bldg. which now houses a kindergarten. He had no idea whether they would rent to a religious group and suggested I see a Mrs. McQuillan who turned out not to be the president after all. The person to see is Mrs. Howard Phillips who wasn't home that day.

The Community Church. He says it is very active from 10 to 12 on Sunday and he doubted whether they would like someone using it.

4. CATHEDRAL HOUSE (Cathedral in the Pines)

This was suggested by Ruthie Hayden and Joel will inquire about its availability.

5. MARLBOROUGH LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Grif will explore this possibility although we agreed this was not a suitable location, being too far for many people.

6. HANCOCK

There are two possibilities in Hancock but we haven't explored them feeling it also was too far off the beaten track. The Vestry and the Grange Hall might be available.

Questions: Is the Meeting willing to make some financial commitment for either renting or buying property? It is extremely difficult to talk to real estate people without some guide lines about this.

Does the Meeting agree about priorities as to location, as put down by the Meeting Arrangements Committee as follows:

1. Jaffrey
2. Peterborough
3. Rindge
4. Dublin

It seems highly unlikely that we are going to be able to find a place which will accommodate a suitable arrangement for First Day School. What are the guide lines on this for the Committee?

I was asked by the Committee to write to Friends General Conference to see about financing Meeting Houses. I have done this but have no reply as yet.

Thelma Babbitt Roethlisberger
for the Committee

Committee: Joel Hayden, Helen Hitchcock, Grif Stabler

Sept 15, 1968

1. Present: Judy Harvey
Ruth Snibe
Ruth + Joel Hayden
James and Helen Hitchcock
Griffin and Lois Stabler
Bert and Calvin Wolcott
Chris and Janeal Ravndal
Fritz and Thelma Roethlisberger
Julie Snell
Elizabeth McGreal

2. The treasurer reported a balance of 222.30 and a thank you letter from Friends General Conference appreciative of our gift.

3. Griffin Stabler, Thelma Roethlisberger and James Hitchcock will be a finance committee to work up a new budget and take up the problem of what to do with surplus meeting funds.

4. We will continue to meet at the Peterborough library at 10:45.
We will pay $3 for each use of the library, $5 if the kitchen is used.
Stablers will make a sign
Friends Meeting for Worship.

5. After discussion of various plans for the small children during meeting we decided to investigate the possibility of sharing in the Sunday School program of a nearby church. It was felt important that we do offer some special program for the older children - perhaps a half-hour discussion before or after meeting for Worship.

6. Action was deferred on a letter from Virginia Towle regarding scholarship aid for her children until we hear further.

7. The next meeting for business will be held Oct 17 in the evening at the Peterborough library.

October 13, 1968

1. Present: Elizabeth McGreal, Hulda Brayton, Ted and Ruth Hayden, Calvin and Berit Walcott, Judy Haney, Griffin Stabler, Thelma and Fritz Roethlisberger, James Hitchcock, Thomas Snell, Christian and Janeal Ravndal.

2. There was a report from the Finance Committee which recommends using some money for outreach: advertising about Friends and for literature to give to visitors at Meeting.
James Hitchcock of Ministry and Counsel will be in charge of bringing pamphlets to meeting and will take care of the guest book.

3. The Clerk will send a letter to all members, giving the latest news of the meeting and a financial report. A draft of the letter will be brought to next Business Meeting for approval.

4. Whether or not to have a meeting house fund was discussed. Also discussed was the subject of whether we should think in terms of building in the future.
Surplus money from last year will be moved to a separate account. We will all give special prayerful thought to the subject of building and of a meeting house fund.

5. Mary Gregory has been monitoring TV programs which show violence and has found that they have about 50 sponsors each.
We commend Mary Gregory for the work she has done and we encourage her to do anything she feels moved to do along these lines. However, we feel that as a meeting, we are too small to get involved in anything this extensive.
We suggest that Mary Gregory pass this information on to the Friends Journal

so that perhaps other meetings will be moved to do something about this

6. Thelma Roethlisberger will be our representative to the Finance Committee of New England Yearly Meeting.

7. Stephen Fleischer applies for transfer of his membership from Wellington Meeting to our meeting. The Committee on Ministry and Counsel will welcome Steve into membership.

8. People who wish to contribute money toward the education of the Towle children may send their checks to Louis Marstaller who will see that they get to the Towles.

9. It was decided to have a discussion period for a half-hour before meeting for worship once a month. The first time will be on October 27 at 10 A.M.

10. The meeting was adjourned proposing to meet on November 10, 1968 at 7:30 P.M. at Peterborough Library Hall.

Ruth F. Hayden
Ass't. Recording Clerk

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
P.O. Box 325
Jaffrey, New Hampshire 03452

Dear Friend:

It is some time since we have seen you at Meeting and this letter comes in greeting and with our love. You will find enclosed a list of members and attenders, as well as the budget for 1968-69. The item of a reserve fund for a Meeting House is awaiting discussion at our next Meeting for Business.

During the past year, Meeting has been held in three different places, the endeavor being to find a time and place agreeable for the greater number, and hopefully, to provide a First Day School. As you are aware from the notice in _Friends Journal_, we have been meeting in Library Hall, Peterborough, since mid-August, and we shall be there through the winter and spring, or possibly longer. It is a pleasant room with a piano. It is easy to find, and there is good parking. At present, the smaller children are attending Sunday Schools at nearby churches, the older ones come to Meeting. We have had vital and steady attendance, averaging about twenty-five each First Day, drawing from the community and many visitors. Meeting is, as in the past, preceded by fifteen minutes singing of hymns. Once a month there is a study group, led by Ministry and Counsel, at 10 A.M. for half an hour. Business Meeting is held the second Sunday evening in the month at 7:30 at Library Hall.

We know you fully realize that membership implies support--presence when possible, prayers always. Perhaps you do not realize that every Meeting has an annual assessment to New England Yearly Meeting and to Friends General Conference. Our assessment is $17 for each member. We need the help of all our members for these obligations.

Will you let us hear from you if you wish to continue your membership in Monadnock Monthly Meeting or if you feel that because your work keeps you elsewhere you prefer to join and support another Meeting ?

In friendship,

Elizabeth Y. McGreal
Clerk

December 15, 1968

(The November meeting was cancelled because of a storm. The December meeting was held briefly following morning worship, also because of storm conditions)

It was announced that a discussion of verbal communication in Meeting for Worship would precede meeting the coming Sunday.

There will be a discussion of Friends attitudes and actions toward the draft following meeting and a light lunch on January 19. Elizabeth Boardman will be visiting to speak with us.

The Peace and Social Action Committee reported that they are getting information about draft counselling to local high schools. It was suggested that some interested people from nearby might want to join us for the meeting with Elizabeth Boardman.

The clerk read a letter to be sent to all non-resident members with news of the meeting and mention of their financial responsibility to the meeting. Sending of the letter was approved.

At the next meeting Sunday January 12 at 7:30 p.m. there will be discussion of "the meeting house fund".

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
Religious Society of Friends

Treasurers report for the period Aug. 1, 1968 to Dec. 31, 1968

Balance on hand 8/1/68	222.30	
Contributions	335.00	
		$557.30

Expenses:

Keene Cooperative Bank Savings Acct.	222.30	
American Friends Service Committee	50.00	
New England Yearly Meeting - one half budgeted amount	132.00	
Friends Journal - Advertisement	11.46	
Berit Wolcott - Baby sitting expense	30.00	
Friends Committee on National Legistlation - one half budgeted amount	25.00	
Peterborough Library - Sept. Oct. Nov.	39.00	
Guest Book	4.50	
Total expenses		514.26
Balance Dec. 31, 1968		$ 43.04

Monadnock Monthly Meeting of Friends
Budget, 1968-69

Yearly Meeting Assessment ($12 each adult member)	$264.00
Friends General Conference ($5 each adult member)	110.00
Rent of Peterborough Library Room	200.00
Monadnock Council of Churches membership	5.00
Equalization Fund for Yearly Meeting	25.00
American Friends Service Committee	50.00
Advertising in Friends Journal	25.00
Publicity	10.00
Care of Meeting children	100.00
Friends literature	25.00
Misc.	5.00
Friends Committee on National Legislation	50 ✓
TOTAL:	3869.00

Note: This budget was approved at Monthly Meeting, October 13, 1968. An item of one hundred and fifty dollars for a Meeting House Reserve Fund was not approved. This item was held over for further discussion at next Monthly Meeting.

Griffin Stabler, Treasurer
R.D. 2
Winchester
New Hampshire 03470

January 12, 1969

The treasurers report was read. See copy attached

The meeting agreed that the discussions before meeting are successful. It was suggested that rather than automatically stopping after the half hour we might go on for a whole hour if the discussion was going well, then have 45 minutes of silence.

Mary Gregory read a letter which she wishes to present to local high school principals requesting that literature on alternatives to the draft be supplied by our meeting to be displayed in the schools.

We approved the presenting of this letter and the use of meeting funds to provide the literature.

We also approved that Mary Gregory approach local public librarys and college librarys, asking them to put on their shelves copies of the C.O. Handbook which we will provide.

February 9, 1969

Present: Elizabeth McNeal, Stephen Fleischer, Janeal Ravndal, Mary Gregory, Judith Haney, Thelma Rothlisberger, Griffin Stabler, Hulda Brayton, James and Helen Hitchcock, Ruth Schmid, Joel and Ruth Hayden.

1. The minutes were read and approved
2. Griffin Stabler gave the Treasurer's report which is here appended.
3. A report on the spiritual condition of our meeting was read by James Hitchcock and approved, and is appended here.

4. Ruth Schmid and her five children have asked to be members of this meeting. Thelma Rothlisberger and James Hitchcock will be the committee to visit them.

5. Douglas Steere plans to visit our meeting sometime in the spring.

6. A discussion took place on finances and non-resident members. Griffin Stabler has contacted Louis Marstaller and reported that we are responsible to pay an assessment to New England Yearly Meeting for non-resident members.
Joel Hayden will write personal letters to each of the non-resident members.

7. It was decided that we continue to meet at Library Hall at least until next September. Business Meeting will follow Meeting for Worship the second Sunday of each month.

8 Study groups will be held the fourth Sunday of each month at 10 A.M.

9. We will send $25 to the AFSC for the Roxbury Action Group

10. Mary Gregory will mail a pamphlet on alternatives to the draft to the high school senior boys at Keene High School.
Twenty dollars will be taken from the budget to cover the expense for this.
Our meeting is pledging $10 per month to help establish a Peace Center in Keene. Contributions should be sent to Griffin Stabler, Treasurer, Box 335, Jaffrey, N.H.

11. The meeting was adjourned, preparing to meet on Sunday, March 9 at 12:15 P.M.

Report of Ministry and Counsel

Monadnock Monthly Meeting

January 1969

Our small membership is scattered over the Monadnock Region. One of the problems in the past has been the need for a more central and permanent place of meeting, in or near one of the larger communities, where visitors and seekers could easily attend as well. Now that we can meet regularly in the Peterborough Library Hall, the growth in attendance has been notable.

The Meetings for Worship vary considerably; some feel the need for a more vocal ministry; others that our generally quiet Meetings are more ~~satisfactory~~ satisfying in the sharing of the Presence. Feeling the need for a drawing together of our scattered group, a period of serious discussion of religious experiences is being tried once a month prior to Meeting for Worship. The few we have held seem encouraging.

Monthly Meetings for Business are poorly attended. It is thought that changing the time of Meeting should encourage wider participation and this will be attempted.

Most of our members, in so far as we can determine, seem to support the testimonies and concerns of Friends in their personal lives; in contacts with others; and to support financially, to the best of their abilities, Quaker activities.

First Day School remains a concern for some of the parents, as the location of the meeting room does not provide a place for a school for the younger children. A partial solution of the problem has been to enroll the children in a local

March 9, 1969

Present: Elizabeth McNeal, Helen and James Hitchcock, Griffin Stabler, Robert, Bob and Ruth Schieck, Hulda Brayton, Calvin Wolcott, Joel Hayden, Mary Gregory, Thelma Roethlisberger, Judy Haney, Katita Haney, Alice Kendall, Althea and Vincent Elmer

1. The minutes were read and approved as corrected

2. Griffin Stabler gave the Treasurer's report, which is here appended.

3. James Hitchcock announced a meeting on April 26 at Beacon Hill Friends House in Boston to which the members of Ministry and Counsel of each monthly meeting are invited.
   He also announced a meeting for Young Friends in Hartford on March 22-3.

4. Mary Gregory announced a training course in Keene for those wishing to be draft counsellors - April 19, 26 and May 3d, 10.30 to 1:00, at the United Church.
   The new center will be called a "Center for Human Concerns". It will have a library, films, readings, plays and a course in black history. The Center appreciates books to put in its library.

5. Thelma Roethlisberger was appointed the Meeting's Overseer at the Boston Good Friday Witness for Peace on April 4 this year.

6. Joel Hayden reported having written personally to the seven non-resident, non-contributing members, asking their intentions.
   He then read a letter from Philip Ott requesting that his name be withdrawn from membership. This action was taken.

Sunday School with provision for caretaking provided by the Meeting. One of the mothers compensates by teaching a class.

Concern has been expressed by some that there should be more active outreach and participation in social action and other pressing issues of the day. One effort is being made by a member to introduce literature into local schools and libraries to help the teenager who might be considering alternatives to military service. The Meeting approves and supports her; it is too early to report results.

While we are not complacent or fully satisfied with our efforts at unity within the Meeting and enriching the spiritual life of the Meeting, we feel encouraged by the evident growth both in spirit and participation.

James Hitchcock
for Ministry and Counsel

read to and approved by the
Meeting, January 26, 1969

Feb. 1, 1969

Treasurers Report
Monadnock Monthly Meeting
Religious Society of Friends

Balance Jan 1 1969	$43.04
Contributions	105.00
Total	$148.04
Expenses	5.94
Balance Feb 1 1969	$142.10

Treasurers Report 3/10/69
Monadnock Monthly Meeting
Religious Society of Friends.

Balance Feb 1 1969	142.10
Contributions	80.00
	222.10
Expenses	$70.30
Balance March 10 1969	151.80

It was decided to wait a while before taking action on those who have not answered. Elizabeth McGreal will write Louis Marstaller to ask about procedures for dropping members.

7. Elizabeth McGreal will write Frances Gore asking her to visit our Meeting and demonstrate "The Green Circle".

8. It was decided to change our post office box from Jaffrey to Peterborough.

Ruth A. Hayden
Recording Clerk

April 13, 1969

Present: Ruth Schreib, Thelma Rothenberger, Judy Harvey, Elizabeth McNeal, Joel and Ruth Hayden.

1. It was announced that on April 27 at 8 P.M. in Keene, May Sarton will give a reading for the benefit of Dr. Gatch's work in South Carolina

2. There was a report from Mary Gregory on her work with the draft

3. Thelma reported on the Good Friday witness in Boston

4. The discussion group for this month will be on guidance

5. Thelma read a draft of two letters from our meeting to President Nixon about the Anti-ballistic missile and the war in Vietnam. The drafts were approved and the Clerk will send them to the President. Copies are here appended.

6. The Clerk read a letter from Janet Connelly, requesting transfer to Cambridge Meeting. The Clerk will write a letter to the Clerk of Cambridge Meeting commending Janet to their Christian care.

7. We will ask each family that joins our meeting whether the children are to become associate or active members, and act accordingly. Joel will write to Louis Marstaller to find out about Yearly Meeting policy on associate, junior and active members. Ruth Schreib will type the letter which Joel will sign.

8. The Clerk will write to the non-resident members who have not yet replied that if we do not hear from them

by next Business Meeting that we will recommend them to Wider Quaker Fellowship and drop them from our rolls.

9. There was a discussion of whether we should transfer to the Northwest Quarterly Meeting. Thelma will investigate the procedure for transferring to another quarter.

10. A nominating committee was chosen as follows - Thelma Roethlisberger, Tal Hayden and Mary Gregory. They will present a slate at next Business Meeting.

May 11, 1969

resent. Christian and Janeal Ravndal, Mary Gregory, James Hitchcock, Elizabeth McGreal, Ruth and Robert Schreib, Griffin Stabler, Judy Haney, Ruth and Ted Hayden

1. Griffin gave the treasurer's report which was approved. A copy is attached.

2. The nominating committee report was approved. See attached copy.

3. Chris Ravndal gave a report on a Ministry and Counsel Meeting held at Beacon Hill Friends House in Boston. The topic was "How Can Ministry and Counsel meet the needs of the meeting?"

4. Mary Gregory gave a report of the Peace and Social Concerns Committee which has sent a letter to all boys of draft age at Keene High School.
She announced that the Center for Human Concerns is at 14 West Street in Keene.

5. A response was received from our letter to President Nixon. The response was to an individual instead of to the meeting. The Clerk will write a letter requesting that the meeting be recognized.

6. Frances Gore, director of the Educational Materials for Children program of the AFSC will give her program on September 28 at 10 A.M. It is entitled "The Green Circle" and is a human relations education program for children.

7. Ruth Schreib reported that all information about junior members is in Faith and Practice p. 225.
The term junior member is now used

Dear Mr. President:

The members of the Monadnock Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends Peterborough, N.H. were greatly encouraged by your expressed intention to stop the warx in Vietnam. We have waited hopefully for signs that action is being taken toward this end. We are aware of the public statements that "behind the scenes" negotiations are either going to be or are being held.

At the same time, we read that we have enormously increased our bombing raids. We look with horror at the statistics that show from 300 to 500 American young men being killed every week, to say nothing of the thousands wounded.~~xxbxx~~ The thousands of Vietnamese victims of our bombers including civilian women and children also give testimony to this continuing military activity. The incredible waste in natural resources also seems to us shameful and intolerable.

We urgently beseech you to stop this dreadful waste of ~~young~~ lives by immediately stopping the bombing and beginning the withdrawal of our menx and material.

Sincerely,

Clerk

Dear Mr. President

The members of the Monadnock Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends Peterborough, N.H. urge you to abandon plans for developing and deploying any type of anti-ballistic missiles. The overwhelming mass of evidence shows these systems to be ineffective and implies they would inevitably lead toward further escalation of armaments of other countries as well as our own.

The military establishment continues to squander our natural resources at an appalling rate, and this proposed anti-missile system appears to be just another instance of that. We hope very much you will do all you can to reduce this waste.

Yours sincerely,

Clerk

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
Treasurers Report
March and April 1969

Cash on hand March 1 1969		142.10
Contributions		260.00
Total		402.10
Expenses		
AFSC Friends literature	11.88	
Peterborough Library Dec Jan Feb	39.00	
Mary Gregory - High School Mailing	9.42	
Center for Human Concerns	20.00	
A.F.S.C. - Roxbury Committee	25.00	
Checks book for Treasurer	2.00	
Friends General Conference	110.00	217.30
Balance May 1st 1969		$184.80

May 1969

Because you are now or soon will be 18 years old and subject to the military draft law, we are sending you the enclosed leaflet. It is a simple description of the four major possible responses to the draft.

In order to answer intelligently and responsibly to the Selective Service Act, you will need to be as fully informed as possible. We would be glad to help if we can, by giving you frther information about any of the four major positions mentioned or about the Selective Service classifications listed on the back of the leaflet.

If you would like more information, please telephone 352-8673.

Sincerely yours,

Mary Gregory
Peace and Social Concerns Committee
Monadnock Monthly Meeting
The Religious Society of Friends
(Quakers)

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
Treasurers Report for May 1969

Cash on hand May 1 1969		$184.80
Contributions		150.00
Total		334.80
Expenses		
A.F.S.C. CO Handbook	$ 6.64	
Friends Journal	7.92	
Peterborough Library (March April May)	45.00	
Keene Center for Human Concerns (May)	10.00	
Monadnock Council of Churches Dues	5.00	
New England Yearly Meeting	132.00	206.56
		$ 128.24

rather than associate member.

Non-resident members who do not respond for 3 years may be dropped fro the rolls at the discretion of the meeting.

The Clerk will write to the non-resid members telling them that we are dro them from the rolls and recommending them to Wider Quaker Fellowship. These people are Kirk Jacob, Paula Kelly, Michael Lowell, and Janice Vogel.

8. The Clerk will write to Thelma asking her to be our meeting's representative to the Finance Committee at Yearly Meeting.

9. Joel will be the Meeting's representative to the annual meeting of the Monadnoc Council of Churches.

10. The Meeting was adjourned, purposing to meet on June 8, 1969.

Ruth F. Hayden
Recording Clerk

June 8, 1969

1. Ten Friends and four guests were present

2. The minutes were read and approved

3. The treasurer's report was read and approved. A copy is attached.

4. The meeting decided to add the words "Visitors welcome" and our box number to our ad in Friends Journal

5. James Hitchcock gave a report for the Committee on Ministry and Counsel.
An announcement about the discussion group will be put in the local newspapers.
Friends are asked to study the first chapter of Acts for the next discussion group.

6. Thelma Roethlisberger reported on her visit to Northwest Quarterly Meeting.

7. A letter was received from Hanover Friends Meeting asking us to discuss whether or not our Quarterly Meeting should be a member of the New Hampshire Council of Churches. This will be discussed at Yearly Meeting. James Hitchcock will attend this meeting and report back to us.

8. The Peace and Social Concerns Committee arranged for some members of the Passamaquoddy tribe to speak at Monadnock Regional High School and Peterborough High School.

9. The Clerk reported on the letters she wrote to five non-resident members. Janice Vogel replied, saying that she wishes to transfer to her meeting in California. Keith Jacob wishes to transfer to his meeting in Philadelphia. Paula Kelly and Michael Lowell did not respond. Lincoln Cory is now our only non-resident member.

10. Berit Wolcott reported on Sunday school arrangements for the small children. She hopes that our Meeting will do something for the children. The mothers of small children will meet during the summer to discuss this problem.

11. Joel Hayden reported that the Towles will be back by July 1.

12. The meeting was adjourned purposing to meet on July 13 immediately following Meeting for Worship

Ruth F Hayden
Recording Clerk

July 13, 1969

After a moment of silence, Elizabeth G. McNeal, Clerk, opened the meeting.

1. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

2. Present: 9 members, 3 attenders, 1 visitor and 5 children

3. The annual treasurer's report was read by Griffin Stabler, treasurer, and approved. Copy attached.

4. A budget committee was nominated to prepare the budget for the coming year:
    Griffin Stabler, Chairman
    Thelma Rothlisberger
    James Hitchcock

5. Mary Gregory reported for Religious Education Committee that a room for younger children will be available free of charge next to the library in Mrs. Franklin's apartment.
    It was suggested:
    1. All children join for singing
    2. Those below ages 6-7 be left with a baby-sitter
    3. Older children stay for first 15 min of silence
    4. Members prepare simple talks for this period
    5. All children may leave with an adult for supervision

6. Mary Gregory would like the names of those interested in expressing brief messages during the first 15 minutes of meeting.

7. James Hitchcock reported for Ministry and Counsel
    a) that New Hampshire monthly meetings will choose a representative to consider the question of membership in the N. H. Council of Churches and also to consider formulation of a state group to speak for Friends as a

group. It was suggested that each monthly meeting would designate a member to attend to discuss matters concerning membership in the state group.

b. Study group subject to be announced next week.

c. Ministry and Counsel Committee will meet at Joel Hayden's home, Rindge, July 29 at 7:30 P.M. All are welcome.

d. Brief report on New England Yearly Meeting Extension and Ministry and Counsel Committee.

8. Mary Gregory reported that a lecture was being sponsored by the Keene Center for Human Concerns on "Human Ecology" during August.

9. The Clerk read a letter from Wider Quaker Fellowship thanking us for the names of two ex-members we gave to their care.

10. The Clerk read a letter from Providence Meeting saying that they had received the letter of transfer for Kirk Jacob.

11. The Clerk read a minute for traveling prepared for Thelma Roethlisberger for her trip through England and Wales. It was approved.

12. Thelma Roethlisberger reported briefly on New England Yearly Meeting Finance Committee. The report will be printed in the Yearly Meeting minutes.
Beginning next year there will be direct representation from each monthly Meeting to the Finance Committee.

13. Attached
Meeting for Business was adjourned after a moment of silence to meet again immediately following Meeting for Worship on August 10, 1969

Ruth Schreit
Acting recording Clerk

August 10, 1967

1 James Hitchcock reported that Ministry and Counsel approves the application for junior membership of Robbyn Karls Gregory. Approved.

2 Bonnie Siegel Neri-Zagal's application for membership was presented and approved. A visiting committee of Elizabeth Mc Neal, Helen Hitchcock and Virginia Towle was appointed.

3 The attached report of Ministry and Counsel was read. The recommendation of evening discussion meetings was approved. We will use as a starting point for discussion Meditation, the Inward Art by Bradford Smith.

4. Queries will be read at Business Meeting

5. Thelma Roethlisberger told about a 1% self tax, suggesting our meeting give this amount to the Friends World Committee. This will be discussed in September.

6 Emily Wilson, clerk of Northwest Quarterly Meeting, was visiting us. We discussed joining Northwest Quarter. No decision was reached, but Friends are encouraged to attend the next Quarterly Meeting Sept 6 and 7

7. Judy Haney will report on the Avon conference in the September meeting

Juneal Roondal
Acting Recording Clerk

September 14, 1969

1. Thirteen members and three friends were present.

2. The minutes were read and approved.

3. The treasurer presented a proposed budget for the year. This budget was approved and a copy is attached.
The meeting decided to give as a gift to all new members a copy of _Faith and Practice_ and a six-month subscription to _Friends Journal_. Ministry and Counsel will handle the details of this.
Ninety four dollars from the checking account will be put into the savings account.

4. The next discussion group will be held on Tuesday, September 14, 1969.

5. The Franklins' yard next door to the library is available to the meeting's children for the fall.
The Unitarian minister would like to work out a first-day school program with our meeting. The mothers will look into this further.

6. Judy Harvey reported on the Avon conference (copy attached)

7. Mary Gregory reported on the Vietnam Moratorium which will be on October 15. Some sort of protest program is planned for Keene. A meeting to discuss this will be held at Mary Gregory's home on October 1 at 8 P. M.

8. Frances Gove will be here on September 28 at 10 A. M. to speak on the Green Circle program.
Judy Harvey and Mary Gregory will arrange publicity. Berit Walcott will invite the Congregational

Sunday school and Judy Haney will invite the Unitarian Sunday school.

9. The Clerk read a letter from Thelma Roethlisberger who is attending a U.S. - U.S.S.R. conference for peace in Dedham, Massachusetts

10 Karen Towle, who is going away to school at Lincoln School, requests a sojourning membership.

A letter was read from Rolland R. Schriel Jr. requesting membership in Monadnock Meeting.

These two requests were turned over to Ministry and Counsel.

11. Kevin Towle will take Virginia Towle's place on the Peace and Social Concerns Committee

12. The meeting was adjourned purposing to meet on October 13. Directly after the Meeting for Worship on September 28 there will be a meeting of the Peace and Social Concerns committee at Judy Haney's house. Anyone interested is invited.

Ruth F. Hayden
Recording Clerk

MONADNOCK MONTHLY MEETING PROPOSED BUDGET
September 1969

Contributions to New England Yearly Meeting and Friends General Conference		
New England Yearly Meeting (based upon 16 active and 2 non-resident members, assessed at $14 each)	$252.00	
Equalization Fund of Yearly Meeting (To be available for members' families who need help in attending Yearly Meeting)	25.00	
Friends General Conference (based upon $5. per member)	90.00	$367.00
Local Meeting Expenses		
Ad in Friends' Journal	25.00	
Library Hall Rental	180.00	
P. O. Box rent	5.00	
Friends' Literature	25.00	
Treasurers' Expense (check book)	2.00	237.00
Peace and Social Concerns		
Monadnock Council of Churches	5.00	
American Friends Service Committee General Funds (AFSC)	50.00	
Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL)	50.00	
CENTER ~~Committee~~ for Human Concerns (Keene, N.H.)	120.00	
New Hampshire Committee for Peace in Vietnam	10.00	
Friends World Committee "One Per Cent More" project	10.00	
*Other Concerns	100.00	345.00
**Proposed Contingency Fund (See below for explanation)		150.00
TOTAL BUDGET - 1969		$1099.00

*The feeling was expressed that if no other specific, pressing concern emerged during the year, that this fund should go to the AFSC for some particular phase of their work felt to be especially urgent at the time.

**It was felt that this item should be carried in our budget as a "contingency fund" but at the end of the year, if not spent, it should go into the Savings Account.

NOTE: The figure of $14 per member for N.E.YM. is based upon their budget of $43,854 for the coming year, with a current membership of 3296. It should, perhaps, be reporte here that there is some feeling among N.E.Y.M. members that the YM budget is too heavily weighted in support of Friends United Meeting. Out of a budget of $43,854, a sum of $9374 is allocated to FUM work. Some feel that much of this might better be used directly here in New England on such things as young peoples' work, peace and social concerns, extension and outreach and so on. Perhaps our Meeting ought to discuss this in some depth at some point, since we now are allowed by the YM to have a direct representative on their Finance Committee - a new development.

Prepared by: Grif Stabler, Thelma Roethlisberger, James Hitchcock - Finance Committee

Report on the Avon Conference 1969 and some points for our meeting to consider

Since the Avon Conference, sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee this summer at Geneva Point Camp, Lake Winnipesaukee, N.H., was an unstructured and fragmented experience, reports must be subjective. Among the most forceful voices were those of the blacks, whose demand for $30,000 to be spent by blacks on black projects was endorsed by the conferees. Many blacks espoused violence and revolution. Many are obviously willing to do anything to change their situation, which is often desperate: "I'm going back to hell."

Also prominent at the conference were the ADC mothers and others interested in the impoverished way of life in many parts of Maine. They urged that a $25,000 bequest to the AFSC be turned back to Maine to sponsor day care centers and programs for the elderly, some of whom are starving, they said.

Despite hostility among various groups at the conference, the Maine whites and the urban blacks by the end of the week formed a cooperative group called the North East Congress of Community Action to share funds and manpower whenever some group needs help. This is an exciting prospect, since a coalition of blacks, poor whites and the usually well-meaning liberal-intellectuals could be a real force for peaceful revolutionary change in this tormented country.

Marcos Munoz appeared to explain the Mexican farm workers grape strike in California. Boycott table grapes, he urged, but drink California wine--the wine growers recognize the union. The union, which also asked for funds from the AFSC, is fighting for higher wages and decent conditions--the workers are often sprayed with DDT and have no sanitary facilities in the fields.

Meanwhile, the AFSC is having trouble meeting its normal budget because so many programs it has started are not competing for funds on their own. Please note when considering your contributions.

Also present but not always obvious at the conference were the "life-style" group who missed most of the meetings and ...well, I'm not sure just what they did at Avon. There was an effective program presenting the situation of most high school students and their lack of human rights.

It seemed to me that those who were actively involved in community work at home seemed much more urgent and realistic than the white liberal maybe intellectual group at Avon, who seemed much more interested in theory and talk.

Some suggestions for discussions or individual consideration by members of our meeting:

1. Is non-violence possible and/or desirable in a revolutionary world? Violence may offer oppressed peoples their only hope of freedom from rigid dictatorships. Many students are swinging to this belief. If we can't answer this, our pacifism isn't very convincing.

2. Is the Society of Friends relevant in this changing world? It is mainly upper-middle-class and white. And it is not appealing to young people in any great numbers.

3. Life-style. Is it possible to live an ethical life in our corrupt society? (I'd be willing to take the "no" point of view in a debate or discussion.) Or how does one lead the least possible corrupt life? We could consider earning a living, paying taxes, etc.

Judy Havey

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
Treasurers Report 10/12/69

Balance Sept. 1, 1969	$93.44
Contributions	50.00
Total	143.44

Expenses Sept:

New England Yearly Meeting Recorder sheets	~~$~~ .75
Balance	$ 142.69

We need contributions!

MONADNOCK MONTHLY MEETING

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

BUDGET 1969-1970

New England Yearly Meeting and Friends General Conference		
New England Yearly Meeting		
19 active members	266.00	
Equalization Fund	25.00	
Friends General Conference	95.00	
		386.00
Local Meeting Expenses		
Friends Journal	25.00	
Library Hall Rental	180.00	
P. O. box rent	5.00	
Friends Literature	25.00	
Treasurers expense	5.00	
		240.00
Peace and Social Concerns		
Monadnock Council of Churches	5.00	
American Friends Service Committee	50.00	
Friends Committee on National Legistlation	50.00	
Center for Human Concerns	120.00	
New Hampshire Committee for Peace in Vietnam	10.00	
Friends World Committee "One Percent More" Project	10.00	
Other Concerns	100.00	
		345.00
Contingency Fund		150.00
Total Budget		$ 1121.00

October 12, 1969

1. Meeting for Business opened with a devotional reading by the Clerk followed by a moment of silence. Six members and one attender were present

2. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and, after two corrections, approved.

3. Ruth Hayden, Recording Clerk, will prepare a minute of appreciation for the "Green Circle Program" given by Frances Yore on September 28, 1969.

4 The Treasurer's report was read by James Hitchcock in the absence of the treasurer. The report was approved. Contributions are now needed.

5. Ministry and Counsel considered and approved the application for membership of Rolland R. Scheib, Jr. The meeting accepted. Griffin Stabler would be asked to greet the new member on next First Day.

6. James Hitchcock, convenor of Ministry and Counsel, will be leaving for six months, November 1 - May 1. Another member will be leaving also. It was suggested that a new chairman and two new members be selected by the nominating committee. Thelma Rothlisberger, convenor, will be asked to contact her committee on this.

7. For the Religious Education committee Mary Gregory asked that Friends who feel led to do so, would share something suitable for small children during the first fifteen minutes of Meeting for Worship.

8. For Peace and Social Concerns Committee Mary Gregory spoke about the preparations for the Vietnam Moratorium, October 15, 12 to 1 P.M. at Keene

9. Friends Journal is to be sent by Ministry and Counsel to the following new members: Evelyn Gregory, Bonnie Nesi-Zagal.
Faith and Practice of New England Yearly Meeting will be given to new members also if they do not have one.

10. The Clerk read a letter from George Bliss of the FCNL in regard to his being available for a meeting in this area on the evening of Tuesday, Nov 18, 1969. His subject would be lobbying in general and FCNL activities. It was decided that Judy Haney, chairman of Peace and Social Concerns, would pre-empt whenever and whatever she needed to arrange this meeting. Thelma Rothlisberger could be called for possible introductions, etc.

11. The Clerk read a letter regarding the need for someone to sit on Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee. Thelma Rothlisberger was approved for this position.

13. Business Meeting adjourned until the rise of Meeting for Worship on 9th day, 11th month, 1969.

November 5, 1969

Treasurer's Report for Sept. & Oct., 1969

Cash on hand beginning of fiscal year	93.44	
Contributors	325.00	
Total		$418.44

Expenses:

New England Yearly Meeting - Recorder Sheets	.75	
Keene Cooperative - Savings Account	93.44	
Elizabeth McGreal - Francis Gove expenses	20.00	
Friends Journal - advertisement	8.91	
Center For Human Concerns - Sept. & Oct.	20.00	
Peterborough Library - Sept., Oct., & Nov.	45.00	
New Hampshire Council of Churches -Membership	5.00	
Bank Service Charge	2.00	
New England Yearly Meeting -Half Contribution	133.00	
Total expenses		$328.10

Balance as of Nov. 1, 1969	90.34

Frances Gore, a volunteer worker for the Cambridge office of the American Friends Service Committee presented the Green Circle program to Monadnock Monthly Meeting on Sunday morning, September 28, 1969. A large audience, with many small guests from other local churches, responded with enthusiasm to Frances Gore's presentation. By means of a flannel board and with stories she draws out her audience of small children to see the importance of surrounding all people on earth within a circle of love.

The program has been used extensively in schools and churches all over the country. Frances Gore is available to train other people to give the same program in their own churches, schools or other groups.

We are grateful to Frances Gore for presenting this program to us and feel that all in the audience gained a great deal from it.

November 9, 1969

1. Six members and two friends were present.

2. The minutes were read and approved.

3. The treasurer's report was read by Thelma Roethlisberger in the absence of Griffin Stabler. A copy is attached.

~~4.~~ Bonnie Nesi-Zagal offered the Galeria to the meeting for use as a meeting place on Sundays. This will be taken up at a later meeting.

4. The Clerk will mail a list of members and a copy of the budget with a covering letter to the non-resident members.

Thelma suggested that in the future the names of the children be listed on the list of members.

5. Ministry and Counsel will pay some friendly visits on those people who occasionally attend meeting.

6. Thelma reported for the Nominating Committee:

Philip Towle will be chairman of Ministry and Counsel.

Philip Towle, Joel Hayden, Lois Stabler and Ruth Schreib are now the members of Ministry and Counsel.

Ministry and Counsel will call on Jack and Ethel Haller to ask them if they would like to attend meeting.

7. The Peace and Social Concerns report was given by Judy Haney.

There are a few activities being planned in the area for the November 14 and 15 *Vietnam* moratorium. One is a movie *The War Game* in Keene. There will also be some activities at the Peterborough High School.

Judy Haney will communicate with The Meeting School to clarify the date and time of George Bliss's coming, and if it seems advisable to have a public meeting, Peace and Social Concerns will work it out.

The committee would like to show a film on conservation entitled "Who Killed Lake Erie?" They will look into the cost of renting the film and try to find available dates to show it in area schools.

Thelma suggested two possible speakers — Russell Johnson, who has just returned from a Quaker mission to Cuba and will be available about the first of the year. Jack and Ethel Haller, who worked with the Cheyenne Indians in Montana.

8. Judy reported on the Northwest Congress for Community Action which needs funds. We will discuss this at next Monthly Meeting. The papers from this group will be passed around for people to read so they will be informed about it.

9. We will try to start Business Meeting at 12:15 P.M. The hospitality committee will get supplies for Monthly Meeting refreshments and members will chip in to pay for them. Bonnie will join the hospitality committee and Chandra Towle will help from time to time.

10. Philip and Virginia Towle will report on Quarterly Meeting after Meeting for Worship on November 16.

We will discuss the question of our affiliation with Northwest Quarter at our next Business Meeting. Ministry and Council will explore the possibilities of a different Quarterly Meeting affiliation.

11. A letter was read from the Hitchcocks who are having a good time in Florida.

13. The meeting was adjourned purposing to meet on December 14 following meeting for Worship.

Myrtle F. Hayden
Recording Clerk

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
Religious Society of Friends
Treasurer Report
November 1969

Balance Nov 1 1969	90.34
Contributions	50.00
	$140.34
Balance Dec 1 1969	

December 14, 1969

1. Eight members and three guests were present.

2. The minutes were read and approved.

3. It was decided to go directly from Meeting for Worship to Business Meeting without lunch.

4. The treasurer's report was read by Griffin Stabler and approved. Copy attached.

5. It was felt by the meeting that it is good to have the smaller children in meeting for the first fifteen minutes.

6. Judy Harvey reported for the Peace and Social Concerns Committee:

a On December 15 at 7:30 P.M. in Putnam Park, a group will gather to sing Christmas carols. Anyone is invited to join.

b. The committee will ask the Garden Club and Conservation Club to co-sponsor the movie "Who Killed Lake Erie?" If they don't want to, our meeting will sponsor it alone.

Hulda Brayton will write to find out if the film can be rented for April.

It was felt that it would also be good to have a speaker on environment or conservation to talk right after the film.

The committee will report further at our next meeting.

7. Ministry and Counsel has made arrangements to visit attenders next week.

David Curtis of Concord will be invited to discuss the structure of Quarterly Meeting on the first Sunday in January, following meeting for worship.

8. A letter was received from Luis Nesi-Zagal offering the gallery for meeting for worship. All warmly appreciate the offer but feel it would be better to stay at the Library. The Clerk will express our thanks and appreciation to Luis

9. On Tuesday evening, December 16 at 7:30 P.M., Bob Hindmarsh will speak at The Meeting School on his recent trip to Nigeria.

10. The discussion meeting will meet on Friday, January 16 at the Haydens at 8 P.M.

11. Ministry and Counsel suggests that the young people choose and read the Queries. This idea was approved.

12. The meeting was adjourned, purposing to meet on January 11, 1970

Ruth F Hayden
Recording Clerk

January 11, 1970

1. Seven members and three guests were present, including David Curtis

2. Virginia Towle will be the representative from our meeting to visit New England Friends Home.

3. An epistle received from AFSC concerning military conscription was turned over to Ministry and Counsel in hopes that they could arrange a discussion group about the draft

4. A letter was received from Kevin Towle asking for membership in the meeting and raising several questions for the meeting. Members are asked to think about this and all interested will meet next Sunday at 10 A. M. to talk with Kevin.

5. Philip Towle will call on the Mellors.
Katharine Klein has had an eye operation. The Clerk will express our warmth and greetings to her.

6. The film "Who Killed Lake Erie?" has been reserved for April 1. The Garden Club will contribute 1/3 of the cost and The League of Women Voters 1/3. David Gregory will be asked to be the speaker.
Prof. Andrew Scheffey was suggested as another possible speaker. He is director of the Center for Environmental Studies at Williams College.

7. David Curtis was present to speak on Quarterly Meeting. Our meeting urges that all the New Hampshire meetings have a get-together for fellowship and sharing of concerns and interests - perhaps next September.

7. A committee consisting of Joel Hayden, Ruth Schreib and Philip Towle will look into the Northwest Quarter & the possibility of getting New Hampshire meetings together. They will report to us at next meeting for business

8. After a moment of silence, the meeting was adjourned, purposing to meet on February 8, 1970

Ruth F. Hayden
Recording Clerk

February 8, 1970

1. Nine members and one guest were present.

2. The Treasurer's reports were presented by Griffin Stabler and approved. A copy is on p. 280.

3. Thelma Babbitt gave a report on the Roxbury Action Group which is an AFSC-sponsored group working to help low income families and to get good low income housing in the Highland Park area of Roxbury. The meeting decided to give $25 to this group.

4. A Good Friday Peace Witness is to be held in Boston on March 27. Thelma Babbitt will represent our meeting.

5. Philip Towle visited the Mellors and had a good visit

6. Thelma Babbitt, Griffin Stabler and the Clerk will serve as a committee to call on Kevin Towle to discuss his membership

7. Philip, Virginia and Hannah Towle represented this meeting at the Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting at Hartford on January 31. Friends are asked

to give further thought to Query 6 on alcohol, smoking and drugs.

8. After a moment of silence, the meeting was adjourned, purposing to meet on March 8, 1970.

Ruth Hayden
Recording Clerk

March 8, 1970

Query # 6 was read by the Clerk

1. The minutes of last month's meeting were read and approved with the understanding they would be corrected as noted and enlarged upon as needed.
   It was suggested minutes be presented in final form before being presented to Monthly Meeting

2. Statistical report required by Yearly Meeting - The Clerk and Virginia Towle will prepare a minute on our reactions to this report and bring it to next Monthly Meeting for approval.

3. Junior member Ernest Bliss has now reached age 25 He should be asked if he wishes to become a full member. Inasmuch as he lives in Brattleboro, it was suggested he be reminded of the Putney Monthly Meeting since it is nearer than this meeting. Tod Hayden agreed to write this letter.
   It was suggested the Clerk get in touch with our member Victoria (Pepper) Lee in Nashua to renew our relationship.

4. Application for membership by Kevin Towle - A committee of the Clerk, Griffin Stabler and Thelma Babbitt was appointed to talk with Kevin about his letter and the following minute was presented and approved:
   "On first month, 25th day, members and attenders met with Kevin Towle to discuss several questions he had raised in his letter applying for membership. As these questions involved the entire meeting, it was felt that all who could be present should be able to make their feelings known. The meeting (for some 40 minutes before Worship)

resulted in greater mutual understanding for all present."

5. It was suggested a Fellowship Supper meeting for all members and attenders be arranged for sometime in May, when individual concerns could be presented and discussed. May 9 has been set as a tentative date to be confirmed at next Monthly Meeting.

6. The film "Who Killed Lake Erie?" will be presented Friday evening April 3 at 8 P.M. at the Unitarian Church. Hulda Brayton is in charge of arrangements and publicity. Extensive plans have been made for showing it in the Jaffrey-Peterborough-Keene and New Boston areas, co-sponsored in Peterborough with our meeting by the Clergy of Peterborough, the Garden Club, League of Women Voters and the Conservation Commission of Peterborough.

7. Joel Hayden offered to take full responsibility for keeping our vital statistics records up to date. This offer was enthusiastically accepted.

8. Report from Ministry and Counsel - a statement was presented on the spiritual condition of our meeting. After thoughtful consideration and discussion, several suggestions were made which will be incorporated in the statement, after which it was approved. Appreciation was expressed to those who prepared this statement.

9. Kevin Towle was recommended for membership in Monadnock Monthly Meeting. This was approved and the Clerk will write a letter to Kevin welcoming him into membership.

6. The Clerk asked for approval to develop a ~~statement~~ statement on Meeting for Worship in the Society of Friends for posting in public places. She will draft a statement and bring it to next meeting for Business for approval.

Thelma Babbitt
Secretary pro tem

How much do you care about our environment in New Hampshire?

SEE the film

WHO KILLED LAKE ERIE?

TAKE PART in the discussion led by David Gregory
Friday, April 3, 8 P.M.
at the Unitarian Church Parish Hall

Sponsored by:
Monadnock Friends Meeting
League of Women Voters
Peterborough Garden Club
Conservation Commission
The Clergy of Peterborough

1969-70

We, Monadnock Monthly Meeting members, look at ourselves and are aware of much, very much, that needs to be done if we are to be a forceful Meeting, however, we are grateful for the small gains which are making us conscious of our status as a Meeting. Less than two years ago, members and attenders met to consider "laying the Meeting down." This was not done. Peterborough Library Hall was found as a place in which we could meet. A geographical center for the members who live at different points of the compass and for the many summer visitors, it has what is needed for the time being. Meetings for Worship have usually been well attended, especially during the summer months. Vocal ministry is often a sharing of insights on an intellectual level as well as on a personal experiential level. Sensitivity to individual needs within the Meeting for Worship has partly been met by encouraging a message directed to the children before they leave for First Day School.

Ministry and Counsel has arranged the monthly gatherings attended by a few members who share in the study of Bradford Smith's MEDITATION, THE INWARD ART. Personal visits to homes of occasional attenders and potential members is an ongoing concern.

Ministry and Counsel members are visiting neighboring Quarterly Meetings in search for our Monthly Meeting's own identity within a Quarterly Meeting and to discover if there is in fact need for a Quarterly Meeting affiliation.

The Meeting, through its committee on Peace and Social Concerns, supports the Center for Human Concern in Keene and is responsible for a public meeting on environmental matters, early in April, co-sponsored by the Clergy of Peterborough, Garden Club, Conservation Committee, and the League of Women Voters.

Some of the members wish that our corporate outreach may go beyond merely contributing financial support to worthy causes. It is hoped this year that the Meeting will devote more attention to young people. It is vital for a Meeting to remind itself that every member is responsible for its growth in response to the Inner Spirit.

April 12, 1970

I Six members and one attender were present.

II The treasurer's report was read by Thelma Babbitt and approved. A copy is attached.

III. Thelma read a letter from the New Hampshire Committee for Peace in Vietnam thanking the meeting for our contribution.

IV Griffin Stabler, Christine Ravndal and Virginia Towle were appointed to be a nominating committee

V David Brown of Voluntown, Connecticut would like to talk to our meeting on tax refusal. It was decided that our schedule is too crowded to have him in the spring, perhaps we will do it in the fall.

VI It is hoped there will be a family supper sponsored by our meeting. Since there weren't many people present at today's meeting, we decided to put off the decision on this until the rise of meeting for worship next week.

VII Philip Towle, Ruth and Joel Hayden and Ruth Sikink will represent Monadnock Monthly Meeting at Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting in New Haven and will bring back a report.

VIII Thelma may make a trip to Florida next month and will take the meeting's greetings to James and Helen Hitchcock. James is not very well and they probably will not return to Hancock.

IX. The meeting was adjourned, purposing to meet on May 10, 1970.

Ruth T. Hayden
Recording Clerk

Monadnock Monthly Meeting April 12, 1970
of Religious Society of Friends

Treasurers Report for Feb. and March 1970

Cash on hand beginning Feb 1, 1970	$170.54
Contributions	165.00
Peterborough Post Office - Check returned	4.80
Total	$340.34

Expenses

American Friends Service Committee - Philadelphia	25.00
Friends Journal Advertisement	3.90
Friends General Conference - Philadelphia	15.00
Committee for Human Services	10.00
N.H. Council for Peace in Vietnam - Budget	5.00
Bank Service Charge - Treasurers expense	2.00
Yearly Meeting - Complete budget items	153.00
Total	$213.90
Balance March 31, 1970	$126.44

Contributions to date toward Budget of $1121.00 are $675.00

May 4, 1970

[illegible]OCK MONTHLY MEETING
[illegible] SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

Treasurers Report for April 1970

Cash on hand beginning April 1, 1970	$126.44	
Contributions	223.00	
Total		[illegible]4.44
Expenses		
Transcript Printing Co. - advertisement	29.00	
Film Rental Library of Syracuse Univ.	24.00	
Friends Committee on Nat'l Legislation	50.00*	
Friends General Conference	[illegible]5.00*	
American Friends Service Committee	25.00*	
Center for Human Concern	[illegible]0.00*	
Peterborough Public Library March, April & May	[illegible]	[illegible]
Balance as of April 30, 1970		$10[illegible].44

*Completes budget item.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR THE MONADNOCK MONTHLY MEETING FOR THE YEAR 1970 - 1971

Clerk: Elizabeth Yates McGreal

Recording Clerk: Virginia ~~Toll~~ Towle

Treasurer: Griffin M. Stabler

Ministry and Council

Convener: Philip ~~Toll~~ Towle

Joel Hayden

Chris Ravrdal

Beth ~~Shreib~~ Schreib

James Hitchcock

Helen Hitchcock

Peace and Social Concerns Committee

Convener: Mary Gregory

Charles Hildebrand

Thelma Babbitt

Hulda Brayton

Bonnie Neri-Zagel

Religious Education Committee

Convener: Janeal Ravndal

Finance Committee

Convener: Griffin M. Stabler

May 10, 1970

I. Eight members and three attenders were present

II The minutes were read and approved.

III. Griffin Stabler read the treasurer's report which was approved. New England Yearly Meeting is facing a ~~cr~~ financial crisis. The Meeting decided to send them an additional $25.

Virginia Towle suggested we use the money left in the literature fund to contribute some books to the Peterborough Library. The Peace and Social Concerns Committee will present a suggested list of books at next Monthly Meeting.

Twenty five dollars will be given to Peace Now, a new peace group in Peterborough.

Griffin read a letter from the Friends General Conference telling about the availability of funds to enable people to attend Friends General Conference at Ocean Grove, New Jersey

IV Some questionnaires on black people, Indians and poor people were received from Yearly Meeting. This will be turned over to the new Peace and Social Concerns Committee

V. The nominating committee report was read by Griffin Stabler and approved. A copy is attached.

VI. Ruth Schreib reported on the Ministry and Counsel meeting at Quarterly Meeting in New Haven. New England Yearly Meeting is working on the question of whether Monthly meetings should belong to Quarterly Meetings. Monthly Meetings should hold off their decisions on this until after the Yearly Meeting committee has reported.

VII. Norman and Leanna Goerlich moved

like to visit our meeting on July 10 to talk on marriage. Virginia Towle will try to find out if there are other meetings that would like to join in this and will write to the Greslick inviting them to come.

VIII The family supper and meeting for concerns will be held on September 26 at 5 o'clock in the Peterborough's Library Hall.

IX Joel Hayden gave a report on Quarterly Meeting. The Ministry and Counsel meeting at Quarterly Meeting synthesized the reports on spiritual condition which had been sent in by the meetings of the Quarter. Our next report will be due in 1972. Some people prefer to use the title State of the Society

Another thing discussed was what should Quarterly Meeting do in response to the world crisis. An attempt was made by Quarterly Meeting to write a letter to President Nixon expressing our views. There were many differing points of view. A very broad statement was finally agreed on, deploring our country's actions in Cambodia.

X The Clerk has prepared a statement for those attending Meeting for the first time. This would be printed up and sent around to all the hotels and motels in the area. They would also be available at a convenient spot at meeting.

This statement was approved. Elizabeth will take it to Sims Press and find out about printing costs. The title will be An Invitation to Quaker Worship

XI After a moment of silence the meeting was adjourned purposing to meet on June 14, 1970.

Monadnock Monthly Meeting of Friends

June 14, 1970

Monadnock Monthly Meeting of Friends gathered in Peterborough, N.H. Library June 14th following Meeting for Worship. Elizabeth Mc Greal, Clerk welcomed back Helen and James Hitchcock who have been attending Sarasota Friends Meeting, Florida. Alice Foley of Middleborough, Mass. joined us in our business meeting.

The Clerk brought forth copies of the newly published "An Invitation to Quaker Worship." These will be circulated at hotels, motels, guest houses in the area, and members will be asked to share them with those they feel would be interested.

Ruth Hayden, Recording Clerk, read the minutes of the last Meeting. Minutes were approved with a correction on the meeting with Burns Chalmers.

The Treasurer's report was presented. A balance of $242.00 for the year was reported. Philip A. Towle, Clerk of Ministry and Counsel reported that the visitation among members will be continued during the summer.

A letter from Dover Quarterly Meeting signed by David Curtis extended an invitation to Friends to attend Dover Quarterly Meeting at Henniker in August.

Philip A. Towle attended Monadnock Council of Churches. He reported that a spirit of cooperative work and worship existed among all churches in the Council. The annual dues have increased to $7.50 per year, with a suggestion that our Meeting contribution to the general fund be increased. A larger portion of the fund is to be used for the chaplaincy of the Crotched Mountain Foundation. The Finance Committee will be asked to consider this when presenting the Budget to the Meeting.

Ruth Ureib reported for the Religious Education Committee. The Franklin house next to the Library has been cleaned. The Unitarian Church has offered the use of their Sunday School rooms to our Meeting during the summer.

Peace and Social Concerns Committee did not have a report.

September 26th has been set as a time for the Meeting family gathering at 5 PM.

Mary Gregory reported on the Center for Human Concerns. There will be a booth at Cheshire County Fair with an emphasis on peace and ecology. The Center has been in operation one year and feels a 'voice' has been established in the Keene area.

Kevin A. Towle has been given a sojourning minute to the Honolulu Friends Meeting by the Clerk.

The Meeting study group will meet at Christian and Janael Ravndal's home Friday, June 17th at 8 PM.

Russell Johnson, Peace Education Secretary of the New England American Friends Service Committee will be available to speak in this wider area in October following a four months trip to Southeast Asia.

The July business meeting will be omitted.

The Meeting closed, purposing to meet in August.

Virginia R. Towle
Recording Clerk

The August Business Meeting was cancelled by the Clerk.

September 13, 1970

Monthly Meeting gathered for business September 13th with fourteen members and two attenders present.

The Minutes of June 14th were read and approved.

The Treasurer presented a report for the full year 1969-1970, which appears at the end of the Minutes.

Janael Ravndal reported for the Religious Education Committee. The Franklin House will not be available for First Day School. A group of parents will gather to work out arrangements for a place to meet with the children.

Ministry and Counsel did not have a report.

The Finance Committee will be convened by Griffin Stabler before the next Meeting. The Committee will include all Committee Chairmen. They will also consider a contribution for the 1% More Program.

A report was presented by the Peace and Social Concerns Committee. Mary Gregory will attend a meeting of the New England Yearly Meeting Committee October 4 and 5 at Wiscasset Maine. The local committee will gather soon to discuss concerns for Mary Gregory to take with her to the Yearly Meeting Committee.

Ruth Screib reported on the family gathering planned for September 26th. The purpose of the meeting is for each member to express and share his concerns. The meeting is called for 7:30 at the Peterborough Public Library. Helen Hitchcock, Lois Stabler, and Elizabeth Y. McGreal will be responsible for refreshments.

A request for a sojourning minute for Helen and James Hitchcock to

Sarasota Monthly Meeting, Florida was approved.

Russell Johnson, Peace Education Secretary for the New England A.F.S.C. will speak October 15th at the Peterborough Union Church at 7:30. A Vietnamese austerity meal will be served at 6:30. The meeting is being sponsored by the Jaffrey-Peterborough-Dublin A.F.S.C. Sponsoring Committee.

Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting will be held October 17 and 18th at Mt. Toby Meetinghouse in Leverett, Massachusetts. Ruth Hayden and Janael Ravndal were appointed as representatives.

New England Yearly Meeting Committee Members from Monadnock Monthly Meeting are:

Nominating Committee	Thelma Babbitt
Finance Committee	Thelma Babbitt
Missionary	Philip A. Towle
Meetings and Extension	Virginia R. Towle
Peace and Social Concerns	Mary Gregory

The Meeting closed, purposing to meet the second Sunday in October.

Virginia R. Towle
Recording Clerk

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Monadnock Monthly Meeting
Religious Society of Friends

Treasurers Report for the year 1969-1970

	Budget	Actual
Cash on hand begining of Fiscal Year		$ 93.44
Contributions		1231.00
		1324.44
Expenses:		
New England Yearly Meeting	266.00	266.00
Equalization Fund	25.00	25.00
Friends General Conference	25.00	25.00
	316.00	316.00
Local Meeting Expenses:		
Friends Literature including [illegible] Press	25.00	52.45
Friends Journal	25.00	33.66
Library Hall rental	180.00	169.00
Post Office box rent	5.00	4.80
Treasurers expense	5.00	7.00
Care of Meeting children	----	8.50
	240.00	275.41
Peace and Social Concerns:		
New Hampshire Council of Churches	5.00	5.00
American Friends Service Committee	50.00	50.00
Friends Committee on National Legistlation	50.00	50.00
Center for Human Concerns	120.00	120.00
New Hampshire Committee for Peace in Vietnam	10.00	10.00
Friends World Committee	10.00	----
	245.00	235.00
Other Concerns and Coningency Fund	250.00	----
New England Yearly Meeting - additional contribution	----	25.00
Roxbury Committee, AFSC	----	25.00
Francis Gove, expense	----	20.00
Syracuse University film rental	----	24.00
Advertisement in Transcript	----	29.00
Peace Now - Contribution	----	25.00
Total	250.00	148.00
Total Budget and Expenses	$1121.00	$1044.41
Balance:		$280.03
Transferred to Savings Account 10/17/69		93.44
Balance checking account 9/1/70		186.59
Savings Account 9/1/70		324.26
Total Assets		$510.85

October 11, 1970

Monadnock Monthly Meeting of Friends gathered for business October 11, 1970. The minutes of the September meeting were approved Charles Hildebrandt invited Friends to attend a meeting at Keene State College October 19th. Jerry Lewis, Professor of Sociology of Kent State College will speak on "An Eye Witness Looks at the Scranton Report."

Mary Gregory reported the The Center of Human Concerns is beginning a dialogue between youth and police over a period of eight weeks.

Stephen Fleischer will represent the Peace and Social Concerns Committee at the Yearly Meetings same Committee for Mary Gregory. The main subject to be considered will be 'poverty'. The Committee is considering a suggestion for Christmas caroling with a handout concerning a specific peace message coming from Washington, D.C. Direct local action through the peace efforts of the AFSC, the possibility of assisting the Quaker Action Group, and working through the Center for Human Concerns ~~to~~ are to be brought before the Committee.

Griffen Stabler reported that the Savings Account has \$510.85 and the checking account \$400.00. The Finance Committee will be meeting soon to prepare the budget for 1970-71. It was suggested that the budget be prepared in such a way that a percentage of each dollar received be divided for use of social concerns rather than to have fixed amounts. A contribution to the Day Care Center community project in Peterborough is to be considered. The question was raised, 'Do we want to keep the savings account as designated or do we want to use it, for more immediate concerns of action?' This will be discussed at a later date.

Philip A. Towle reported for Ministry and Counsel. A presentation and discussion of a concern will be planned for 10 AM once a month. The evening worship study group is planned, those wishing to participate should contact Ruth Sereib - the subject to be discussed and frequency of the meetings will be planned by the group itself. Queries will also be presented during the Worship once a month. The Ministry and Council feel that the vocal ministry needs change and the suggestions have been made with that purpose in mind. The meeting approved of this report.

The Religious Education Committee reported that the Unitarian Church has invited our parents to include their children in their Sunday School along with parents assisting. The parents have accepted this arrangement.

The Unitarian Church plans a Christmas Eve program with a peace emphasis. Our participation is invited.

A letter has come from the Goerlichs expressing appreciation to the Friends General Conference, Friends World Committee, and the Friends they visited among during the summer. The Goerlichs shared opportunities in worship and discussions on strengthening marriage relationships.

Virginia R. Towle
Recording Clerk

November 8, 1970

Monadnock Monthly Meeting gathered for business and worship November 8th following the morning worship hour. The Clerk Elizabeth Y. McGreal read a letter from the New England Consultation of Church Leaders.

The Clerk reported that the following six books were presented to the Peterborough Public Library as an expression of appreciation for the use of the meeting room for Sunday worship.

The Kingdom of God is Within You - Tolstoy
The Journal of John Woolman
A Testament of Devotion - Kelly
Just Among Friends - Comfort
Friends for 300 Years - Brinton
George Fox Journal

Friends are invited to attend a dinner and worship service at the Commons in Peterborough on November 22nd to be sponsored by the Monadnock Council of Churches.

Virginia R. Towle reported on the New England Yearly Meeting Committee on Meetings and Extension held jointly with the Ministry and Counsel. The Committees reviewed the need of an up to date pamphlet on "Membership in the Society of Friends" by Thomas Bodine, and took steps towards revising the pamphlet for publication. Mattapoisett ~~Preparative~~ Particular Meeting is having great difficulty with leadership. Suggestions were made to develop a change of leadership through the pastoral ministry with the help of Friends within and outside of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting.

Allen J Siegel is working with a volunteer group concerned with meeting needs of persons on drugs. He will be invited to present his concerns about the Keene Hot Line program on Sunday, November 22nd.

Hanover Monthly Meeting, jointly with the A.F.S.C., will have two Workshops on Non-Violence in November and January. The Keene Center of Human Concerns will have a workshop in January. "Non-violence As a Life-Style" is the topic of the weekend discussion at Powell House, also scheduled this month.

The Treasurer reported:
Checking Account - $660.—
Savings 500.—

The budget for June 1, 1970 - May 31, 1971 was presented and approved. It is hoped that in the future we will try to have the nominating committee report at an earlier date so that the year's budget might be presented at an earlier time more in keeping with the fiscal year which coincides with the Yearly Meeting budget and fiscal years. (The budget is included at the end of these minutes).

The Meeting approved of transferring the Savings Account from the Keene Cooperative Bank to a "black" bank in Roxbury, Massachusetts.

The Clerk will prepare a letter to be sent to members along with the budget.

Thelma Babbitt reported on the AFSC Meeting recently held in Peterborough when Russell Johnson spoke on Southeast Asia. The public contributed about $1000.00 to the AFSC.

Ministry and Counsel reported that Edwin Hinshaw, Youth Secretary of New England Yearly Meeting will be present December 14th to share a special concern.

Janael Ravndal and Ruth Hayden reported on Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting held at Mt. Toby Meetinghouse in October. The Quarterly Meeting approved of holding President Richard Nixon in the Light and a special mention of this be made at the next meeting for worship. The Quarterly Meeting sent a letter to President Nixon protesting the Vietnam War. New land has been purchased for China Camp. Quarterly Meeting records will be placed in the Archives at the Historical Society

ith Youth

Down to the Sea

Two young Floridians, Sherrill Potts and Louise Agen, became America's first women ocean engineers when they graduated from Florida Atlantic University's College of Engineering last month. Sherry, pictured here on the submersible, Alvin, will soon have a paper on underwater photography published by the prestigious Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution. She hopes to return there to work.

Louise, or Sandi as she prefers being called, comes by her career choice naturally. Her mother is a mechanical engineer. "There are lots of women engineers now," she says, "so why not women ocean engineers?" Sandi has already had a problem, however, with the male-dominated field. One of her first job applications was rejected because the firm didn't have "facilities" for female engineers. She presently seeks work in the Washington, D.C., area where her fiancé, also an ocean engineer, is employed.

Despite Sandi's job-hunting problems, both young women are optimistic about their new careers.

OCEAN ENGINEER SHERRILL POTTS
ON BOARD A SUBMERSIBLE.

"If I went back," says Steven, "I'd only have to pay war taxes again, and I've had the delightful experience of not paying war taxes for the past several years.

"But having my indictment dismissed did take a lot of psychological pressure off. Before that happened, my boss asked me to attend a business conference in the States, and I had to decline. And I do want to visit my family."

Dee, who helps publish "Amex," a magazine for American exiles, is in Canada to stay. So is Joe, a former music student who earns his living rebuilding pianos. "But," says Joe, "it's nice to be able to see friends, and go to New York for the ballet. Also, it's always at least a potential disadvantage, in terms of career possibilities, to be excluded from a country with the cultural and economic resources of America." Joe will travel to the U.S. shortly, for the first time in seven years.

Roots in Canada

"Few of the resisters would want to return," concludes the Rev. Robert Gardner. Gardner, an American, co-ordinates the Ministry to U.S. Draft-Age Immigrants, sponsored by the Canadian Council of Churches.

"A lot of Canadians and Americans think of the draft resister as a shaggy, long-haired kid," Gardner says. "As often, he's a pin-striped, well-groomed young man on Bay Street (Toronto's Wall Street). Some of the guys who came up in the mid-60's are in law school. They have roots here now."

It's a different story among the deserters, who by and large are poorer, less articulate, and less educated than the draft resisters. Many deserters never applied for discharge, but simply left their units and headed north. As a result, there are no errors in their files which would permit them to return. At the same time, they lack the means and the job skills to remain in Canada.

Partly for this reason, counseling groups in Canada are cool to the CCCO repatriaation project, claiming that it would favor middle-class youngsters while doing nothing for those who need help the most. Also, many argue that exiled Americans should hold out for a general, unconditional amnesty. "Amnesty," says deserter Jack Calhoun, "means that America has to come to terms with the war in Indochina, by recognizing that we up here have done nothing wrong."

Legal questions

To CCCO's Eric Wright, however, part of the project's strength lies in the very fact that "instead of concentrating solely on the legality of the war, it also focuses on the legality of what selective service did." As such, he believes, it may help to make general amnesty legislation more palatable to the public. Bob Seeley, his co-counselor at CCCO, explains: "The whole amnesty debate is predicated upon the assumption that these guys broke the law. But now it appears that this may not be so."

If Seeley is correct, the amnesty question indeed takes on a new dimension, the latest in an almost daily series of new dimensions to America's most tragic war.

IT CAN'T HAPPEN HERE

Eric Wright (seated at desk, left) and Bob Seeley (seated, right) discuss repatriation project at a staff meeting of the Central Committee for Conscientious Objectors in Philadelphia. CCCO Director Arlo Tatum, in bowtie, stands at center of group.

Draft Exiles Who Can Come Home

by Martin B. Margulies

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Unskilled exiles, who have a tough time finding jobs in Canada, stroll past a billboard in Montreal, Quebec, urging financial support for Canada's Olympic teams.

TORONTO, CANADA.

While Congressmen today are talking about amnesty for American draft resisters living in exile, many of the resisters don't need it. They could come home right now.

Steven, for instance. He and his wife came to Hamilton, Ontario, in 1969, after his request for conscientious objector status was turned down. But in processing his application, his local board committed important errors, any one of which would have made conviction impossible. Accordingly, the government dropped charges and Steven's induction order was canceled. Since he is now 26, there is no way that the board could try to draft him again.

Steven is one of an unknown number of draft resisters and military deserters, now living abroad, whose indictments have been dismissed (often without their knowing it), or who would have valid defenses to prosecution. Many don't realize that they can come back safely. To assist them, the Central Committee for Conscientious Objectors (CCCO), a national draft counseling organization with headquarters in Philadelphia, has just inaugurated a "repatriation project." Its aim is to mobilize counselors and

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American emigré Rich Gooding (r.) counsels an exile at Montreal's American Refugee Service. Counseling includes advice on how to find jobs and continue schooling.

DRAFT EXILES *CONTINUED*

lawyers who will scrutinize the selective service and military files of emigrés, to see whether they still face prison.

How many of the estimated 35,000 to 80,000 exiles will be able to return? No one can tell for sure, but the percentage may be staggering. A former counselor from Buffalo, who has helped to "repatriate" four men already, says: "There's an infinite number of possibilities. I've never searched a file yet in which I didn't find at least three clear flaws, and 10 or 15 more arguable ones." And Chicago counselor Jeremy Mott, from CCCO's Midwest office, reports that, of 20 men whose cases he's investigated, 17 could come home with "practically no risk of prosecution."

Many will benefit

Many of the emigrés will benefit from the retroactive application of court decisions handed down after they left the country. Others were processed illegally even under the law at the time. For example:

- Steven, the young man from Hamilton, asked his Arkansas draft board why it had rejected his CO application. The clerk replied: "The board is not required to place in the file of a registrant their reasons for not granting a classification." Although most draft boards were taking this position three years ago, subsequent court decisions have made it clear that they were incorrect.
- Twenty-two-year-old Dee also applied for CO and was turned down. When he asked his Oregon draft board for a personal appearance, the chairman wrote back: "We see no purpose in discussing the matter further." However, anybody who seeks a personal appearance within the time period established by the regulations—formerly 30 days, now 15—is entitled to get one.
- Joe, 28, was already living in Toronto when he received his notice to report for a physical examination. He never showed up. His Massachusetts board promptly labeled him a "delinquent" and sent him an induction order. It was common practice in those days for boards to punish men who allegedly violated the regulations by drafting them immediately. In 1970, the Supreme Court declared the "delinquency" procedure illegal. The Justice Department thereupon dropped charges in over 600 pending cases, Joe's among them.

Investigation needed

All this doesn't mean that exiles can step blithely across the border without investigating their cases thoroughly Not everybody whose board acted improperly can still do something about it. Young men who neglected to challenge their classifications by seeking personal appearances and appeals may find themselves barred from raising otherwise sound defenses at their trials. However, failure to appeal might be excused if the appeal would clearly have been useless, or if the young man was ignorant of his appeal rights through no fault of his own.

Of those who do return, some will be classified and processed for induction all over again, though their chances of obtaining deferments will certainly be better than when they left. Others, because of age or high lottery numbers, are immune.

It appears, though, that most of the emigrés don't want to come back, except for short visits.

Steven, for one, is a well-paid computer programmer analyst. He and his wife own an attractive ranch-style house in a quiet neighborhood. Both plan to become Canadian citizens.

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"I finished high school at the age of 18 and got a job as a shipping clerk. My next job was butchering at a plant that processed boneless beef. Couldn't see much future there. Next, I got a job as a Greyhound Bus Driver. The money was good. The work was pleasant, but I couldn't see it as leading to retirement. Finally I took the plunge and went into business for myself.

"I managed to raise enough money with my savings to invest in a combination motel, restaurant, grocery, and service station. It didn't take long to get my eyes opened. In order to keep that business going my wife and I worked from dawn to dusk, 20 hours a day, seven days a week. Putting in all those hours didn't match my idea of independence and it gave me no time for my favorite sport—golf! Finally we both agreed that I should look for something else.

"I found it. Not right away. I investigated a lot of businesses offered as franchises. I felt that I wanted the guidance of an experienced company—wanted to have the benefit of the plans that had brought success to others, plus the benefit of running my own business under an established name that had national recognition.

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Monadnock Monthly Meeting
Religious Society of Friends

Budget Committee Report

The Budget Committee recommendations to the Meeting for the 1970-71 year are that the amount of money raised by the membership and attenders be increased 32% to an average of $65 per adult member, and that 50% of the contributions be used in the areas of Peace and Social Concerns.

The Committee recommends further that should the Meeting fail to raise the $1600 Budget, savings be used to carry out our commitments. The following Budget reflects these concerns.

Proposed Budget 1970-1971

	1970-1971	Last Year
New England Yearly Meeting		
25 members at $15 each estimated	$ 375.00	$ 291.00
Equalization Fund	25.00	25.00
Friends General Conference	110.00	95.00
Sub Total	510.00	411.00
Local Meeting Expenses		
Friends Journal	35.00	34.00
Library Hall Rental	170.00	169.00
P. O. box rent	5.00	5.00
Friends Literature	25.00	52.00
Treasurers expense	7.00	7.00
Care of Meeting Children	50.00	9.00
Monadnock Council of Churches	10.00	5.00
Sub Total	302.00	281.00
Total	$ 812.00	$ 692.00
Peace and Social Concerns		
Friends Committee on National Legislation	100.00	50.00
American Friends Service Committee - Program	100.00	75.00
A. F. S. C. Peace Education	200.00	----
Quaker Action Group	100.00	----
Center for Human Concerns	120.00	120.00
Friends World Committee 1% more	16.00	10.00
Peterborough Day Care Center	30.00	----
Other Concerns	146.00	98.00
Total	$ 812.00	$ 353.00
Recommended Budget	$1624.00	

in Providence, Rhode Island. A New School for secondary education has been started at Woolman Hill. The next Quarterly Meeting will be held at Hartford, February 6 and 7.

Stephen Fleischer reported he attended the weekend meeting of the Yearly Meeting Peace and Social Concerns Committee at Wiscasset, Maine. In the future we can expect someone to present a concern on prejudice and poverty (Minute 60 of the Yearly Meeting). Steve feels time given is needed more than money and is a greater contribution.

Virginia R. Towle
Recording Clerk

December 13, 1970

The December, 1970 Monthly Meeting for Business was cancelled by the Clerk.

January 10, 1971

Monadnock Monthly Meeting of Friends gathered January Tenth for business. The Clerk, Elizabeth Y. McIlreal opened the worship by reading from the Pendle Hill pamphlet "Friends, Let Us Pray".

The minutes for November, 1970 were read and approved.

The People's Hot Line in Keene, under Allen Siegel's direction, is operating four days a week. The contribution from our Meeting has gone to the telephone operation. Allen Siegel is working as an advisor to a Peterborough group of youth involved in a similiar project. He continues without salary. Individuals are encouraged to give directly or through the meeting, however, we will consider a regular contribution to the ~~Conte~~ Hot Line at our February Monthly Mtg.

Thelma Babbitt reported that Monthly Meetings will soon be approached by the Yearly Meeting Finance Committee to increase its 1970-71 contribution to Yearly Meeting by 7% to cover an anticipated deficit.

Stephen Fleischer reported that the Minute 60 Committee of New England Yearly Meeting will be raising $100,000 over the next five years for the 'victims of poverty and prejudice'. Someone to speak on behalf of the Committee will be invited to share this concern.

The Meeting approved of sending a contribution of $50.00 from the budgeted item 'Other Concerns' to New England Yearly Meeting Minute 74 Committee for disadvantaged students in our New England Friends' Schools.

Ministry and Counsel reported that the Worship study group met once in November and twice in December. Howard Thurman's book Jesus and the Disinherited has been used as a basis for discussion. The next meeting will be held January 15th with the subject of 'obedience' to be considered. The group gathers for worship in song and silence, a discussion, and intercessory prayer. About twelve persons participate each time with a core of eight being regular in attendance.
Ministry and Counsel is preparing 'The State of Society', a report of the spiritual condition of the Meeting. Visitation among members and attenders continues.

The Religious Education Committee reported that the care and teaching of the children at the Unitarian Church seems to be working out satisfactory.
~~is a~~ 'The Earth Family' supported by the A.F.S.C. is available to present a drama sharing social concerns which represent Friends' philosophy. The Peace and Social Concerns Committee will look into this program in view of setting dates to bring 'The Earth Family' to the Monadnock area.

The Clerk reported that the Mosher Book and Trust Fund has credited Monadnock Meeting with books to be received in the future when the Meeting has its own library.

Approval was given for an annual subscription of the Friends Journal to be given to the Peterborough Public Library.

Stephen Fleischer reported attending the Christmas eve vigil at the White House. The AFSC White Paper on the United States disengagement in Southeast Asia was presented to the White House staff earlier and at the time of the Vigil, representatives of the group discussed the Paper with White House representatives.

Virginia Towle reported on the New England Yearly Meeting Meeting and Extension Committee. The pamphlet on membership is being rewritten and should be ready for publication in late spring. Mattapoisett Particular Meeting has experienced a renewal and growth as leadership has come from the Yearly Meeting and local members have come to recognize the resources and strength within the Meeting.

Hulda Brayton and Ruth Hayden were appointed representatives to Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting.

The coming Federal Jury Trial at the Federal Court in Concord New Hampshire of the United States vs. Kevin A. Towle on January 18, 1971 was announced. The indictment is for 'refusal to register for the military draft within five days of his eighteenth birthday'. A letter from the Clerk was sent on behalf of the Meeting to the pastor of the Concord Baptist Church expressing our spiritual support for Kevin and our appreciation for the use of the Church for a meeting for worship prior to the trial. Our Meeting upholds Kevin A. Towle in the Light of Christ as he walks in love.

Attached are two reports presented by the Treasurer and approved by the Meeting —

Virginia R. Towle
Recording Clerk

MONADNOCK MONTHLY MEETING

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

Treasurers Report for the period Sept. 1, 1970 through December 31, 1970

Cash on hand begining 9/1/70		$525.31
Savings Account	none	
Checking Account	[illegible]	
Contributions	$927.00	
Total		
Expenses		
Peterborough Transcript - advtg.	[illegible]	
Peterborough Public Library	[illegible]	
Center for Human Concerns	[illegible]	
Friends Book Store - Friends Literature	[illegible]	
American Friends Service Committee Peace Education	100.00	
New England Yearly Meeting Part budget	[illegible]	
Friends Committee on National Legistlation - Part budget	[illegible]	
Friends World Committee - 1% more	[illegible]	
Peoples Hot Line ($120.00 special contributions)	[illegible]	
New Hampshire Council of Churches	[illegible]	
Monadnock Community Day Care Center	[illegible]	
Friends General Conference - Budget	[illegible]	
Total	[illegible]	
Balance checking account 12/31/70	[illegible]	

MONADNOCK MONTHLY MEETING

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

Treasurers Report for January 1971

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1971		$164.78
Contributions		275.00
		439.78
Expenses:		
New England Yearly Meeting-Minute 74	50.00	
Treasurer - check book	2.00	
Peoples Hot Line - Special Contributions	85.00	
Center for Human Concerns - Special Contributions	25.00	162.00
Balance Jan. 31, 1971		$277.78

February 14, 1971

Monadnock Monthly Meeting for Business gathered with the Clerk, reading from 'The Power of Expectancy by Henry C. Beerits (article in the Friends Journal February, 1971) followed by a worship period.

The Minutes of the January meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was received and approved. (see attached).

The Clerk reported that the Peterborough Public Library would be delighted to have a subscription to the Friends Journal.

For the Peace and Social Concerns Committee, Mary Gregory reported that a Workshop on Non Violence was to be held in Keene on February 20th for forty persons. Ed Lazar of the AFSC will be the leader. The Committee will learn of the results of the Keene workshop and then contact local (Peterborough) ministers to see if a similar workshop might be sponsored by our Meeting or by a Peterborough group.

Stephen Fleischer reported on the Workshop on Non-Violence held at Hanover N.H. by the Hanover Monthly Meeting January 22-24. He reported role-playing, sensitivity games, learning to communicate better with people, and during conflict learning to look at the other person's point of view.

Mary Gregory suggested we should inform ourselves of groups working on the Poverty Program in our area. There are twelve organizations (1 volunteer) in the Cheshire County (Keene area) where there seems to be overlapping, gaps, plus 'warfare' between groups. The question arose, 'Should we have a representative speaker of these groups?'

After further discussion, Hulda Brayton was appointed to uncover local information in the Peterborough area.

Stephen Fleischer reported on a speaker to inform our meeting on Minute 60. Robert Hindmarsh will be invited for Sunday February 28th at 10 A.M. and to continue following meeting. Thelma Babbitt will make the contact with him.

Mary Gregory questioned the scruples involved in using our meeting to earmark outside gifts for the Hot Line Program - to avoid federal tax payments. The Clerk suggested that the Treasurer help us in our discussion on this matter next month.

Charles Hildebrandt will spend five days in Paris, France - March 5-10 - as a representative of the Citizens Conference on Ending the War in Indo-China. The AFSC, the Fellowship of Reconciliation, and the Clergy and Laymen Concerned about Vietnam and others are organizing a group of 170 from all over the United States to meet with various official participants of the Paris Peace Talks to discover what is holding up the peace. $338 is needed by each participant, $35 will be used by West Coast travelers for equalization. It was suggested that financial support come from many local sources and not especially from 'peace' groups. The Meeting approved a $25.00 contribution. Individual contributions can be sent directly to Charles Hildebrandt. Local ministers will be contacted.

Ministry and Counsel reported that the State of Society report is not being prepared since it is only required by the Quarterly Meeting on even years.

Ruth Hayden and Hulda Brayton attended Quarterly Meeting on February 7th in Hartford as representatives. Kevin and Glenn Towle also attended. Ruth Hayden reported that:

1) Statistical forms are due by May 2nd
2) Legislative members should be contacted about the repeal of the draft bill as it expires June 30, 1971
3) The Character of Quarterly Meeting is changing
4) there will be a high school seminar in Washington, D.C. in Feb. and May
5) next Quarterly Meeting will be at Middletown, Conn. in May

Mary Gregory suggested April 22, 23, 24 for the "Earth Gravy" drama of AFSC to be presented to the area. The Clerk will contact the Dublin Community Church as sponsor.

Virginia Towle asked to have reported a decision of a judge in New York in regard to a non-registrant of the draft. It was a two-year suspended sentence with probation so that he might work for the Fellowship of Reconcilliation in Nyack N.Y. Is there work in New England Yearly Meeting that Kevin Towle would feel worthwhile as alternative service? The Permanent Board and the AFSC will be contacted.

The Clerk will write a brief minute for the next meeting on Kevin A. Towle's trial scheduled for January 18th.

The Clerk suggested we keep a small circle of chairs during meeting for worship and add a second outer circle as needed. This was approved.

Meeting was adjourned purposing to meet March 14, 1971

Ruth Schreib

Recording Clerk pro tem

Copy for Minutes:

Monadnock Monthly Meeting

Religious Society of Friends

Treasurers report for February 1971

Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1971	$277.78
Contributions	none
	$277.78

Expenses:

Peterborough Public Library	39.00	
Center for Human Concerns	60.00	
Friends Journal - advertisement	5.43	
Charles Hildebrandt - Paris Mission	25.00	129.43
Balance Feb. 28, 1971		$148.35

March 14, 1971

Monadnock Monthly Meeting of Friends gathered March 14th for Business. The Clerk opened by reading from an article about the play: "Jesus Christ Superstar" as it represents a part of the new ~~quest~~ spiritual quest.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Clerk read a letter from Esther and Robert Greenleaf concerning their transfer of membership from Cambridge Monthly Meeting to Monadnock Monthly Meeting. Thelma Babbitt and Philip Towle be appointed to visit with them.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved. Approximately $475.00 is outstanding in commitments

Robert Hindmarsh of the Minute 60 Committee will be with us on April 25th at 10 AM to discuss Minute 60 followed by questions after the Worship hour. Thelma Babbitt suggested we receive a copy of Minute 60.

Charles Hildebrandt stated he received $150.00 over the amount needed for his Paris trip. $40.00 will be spent for tapes of the talks, and the remainder will be re-contributed to the three organizations that sponsored the trip.

It was decided not to receive money from outside contributors for the Keene Hot Line. (see previous months minutes).

Thelma Babbitt reported for the N. England Yearly Meeting Finance Committee. A copy of the report was given to the Treasurer. The members of the Committee are to interpret to Monthly Meeting the 'good' thing the Yearly Meeting does with its money.

Janael Ravndal will look into the possibility of giving money or a gift to the Unitarian Church for accepting

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April [illegible], 1971

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
Religious Society of Friends

Treasurers report for March 1971

Cash on hand March 1 1971		$148.35
Contributions		90.00
		238.35
Expenses		
Charlie Hildebrandt Conference	$20.00	
Peoples Hot line - Special Contribution	10.00	
A.F.S.C. General Program	100.00	130.00
Balance March 31, 1971		$108.35

our on Sunday mornings. The gift
wayco. the Whitney Toy Company —
through Griffin's tables.

Philip A. Towle reported for Ministry and Counsel. Worship and study group meeting in the evening continues about every two weeks. The next meeting will be March 19th at Martha Hale's home in East Rindge. The Sunday morning discussion group will be led by Stephen Fleischer on April 4th, Virginia Towle in May and Hulda Brayton in June. Visitation among members and attenders will continue.

The Peace Vigil in Keene continues its Friday night silent walk at 7 P.M. from the Selective Service Office to the Unitarian Church. Mary Gregory also reported that there is discussion afterwards at the church.

Mary Gregory passed a petition concerning the repeal of the N.H. Abortion Laws.

Charles Hildebrandt suggested we watch for legislation concerning academic freedom from the legislature in Concord.

Dorothea Blum will be at Beacon Hill Friends House in Boston during April to discuss Art and Worship.

New England Friends Witness for Peace will be conducted on Good Friday at the Mary Dyer statue in front of the Massachusetts State House in Boston. Mary Gregory will represent the meeting if she is free.

Virginia Towle will write a minute of the history of Kevin Towle's non-cooperative stand concerning the draft to be included with the Minutes.

Meeting adjourned purposing to meet April 11th

Ruth Schreib
pro tem Recording
Clerk

April 11, 1971

Monadnock Monthly Meeting of Friends opened with worship.

Minutes of the April Meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer presented his report with a balance of $108.35 in the treasury and commitments of $350.- by the first of June.

Ministry and Counsel reported:

① Visit to Hanover Friends Meeting to participate in worship

② Visit to Kevin A. Towle at Boscowen County Jail, but not allowed to see him as a group from the Meeting, however, Philip A. Towle as his father was allowed.

③ Visit with Mary Gregory who has not been free to attend worship. We are asked to hold her and her family in our prayers.

④ The Worship - study - prayer meeting are dynamically meaningful to about twelve who consistently attend and a few who attend irregularly.

The Religious Education Committee reported the arrangement at the Unitarian Church is satisfactory. Toys are expected to be purchased soon to share with the Sunday School.

Stephen Fleischer and Mary Gregory participated in the New England Witness for Peace in Boston on Good Friday.

A letter from Kevin Towle was received and read. Kevin has been transferred to Ashland, Kentucky to the Federal Correctional Institution.

The 1970 statistical report was presented by Jack B. Hayden, Jr. prior to its being sent to the Quarterly Meeting

Virginia R. Towle
Recording Clerk

Merrimack County Jail
Boscawen, New Hampshire
March 29, 1971

You can call this my
first report of the experiment;
County jail. Take it or leave it.

Monadnock Monthly Meeting, Peterboro, NH
Dear Friends, and friends,

'm so glad you came Joel and Ruth even though officials didnot allow you through. The feeling that you tried was good. However jails continue to look upon visitors as a privelege and not a right. Will it ever change? Don Booth has frequently come over and his visits, though often abruptly shortned, are meaningful. He's been a link to the outside as I grow more able to take the jolt a new community so hat the transfer is easier. The jail administration gave him a near equivalent of ministerial status. With hat he can pop in during the week.

I asked fellow jailbirds here how they might feel about Friends coming to a prison to visit. 'il definitely have to ask more. But a few things have come up. The visits could be frustrated by class and iterest differences. Remember - our government throws the poor & "anti-social" & "individualists" into jail. Some have mental problems of course. But in terms of visitors that's meaningless. The men in here have extremely little contact with the outside, nearly exclusively a result of their social positions & roles in society. They want contact. They would accept strangers as visitors - if ways to identify with each other could be found. One fellow I did speak with especially thought identification through support would be a basis. Some getting out need jobs, some a place to go even, some money, and most need above all else forgiveness, erasure of "criminal" from their minds. It's difficult because what could one talk with a jailbird about for a ½ hr. to hr. when his life is only existence & not filled with even a great deal of thought (as it is usually). I think Friends have a mission ere: Jails dot southern NH. Keene must have a few cells. Perhaps Jaffrey does. Information could be gathered nd intelligence on the latest arrests. And where people are held only temporarily in smaller cells in the little owns, they could be met by Friends. Recognition of prisoners as people undermines ~~the~~ New Hampshire's jails. The people isolate their old people, their "insane," their law breakers from the mainstream. Think that, & you're on your way.

A change in the general prisoner population will have to be dealt with. Drug arrests go up every chance the cops have. The technocratic society's checks, credit cards, vast files on individuals values on technology have produced different kinds of people - we inside are no different than those uncaught on the outside. And the changes outside soon enter here. Draft cases, other so-called political cases, (though usually federal) make for other changes. I have found I am no more a political case than the man held for 1 - 2 - 5 - even 8 months simply because he is poor, because he cannot, say, bail or show a secure community for claiming personal recognizance. Nothing could be more political as our government turns its back, to save the rich & powerful. Society is not being protected from these men. And attitudes toward some of the usual concepts people have toward these men will have to be changed if Friends ever get involved in visiting. Visiting is complicated - & take all this as nothing absolute, though I have sounded absolute at times. It's like - something needing constant exploratio change in direction and change in myself.

Outside of these thoughts is often the inability of a man to communicate to his friends on the outside. Friends could serve as a liaison to these families & relatives & friends

I am distressed at the wonderful visits I have had and frustrated by not being able to share them. I know no answer.

David Greenberg wrote _The Problem of Prisons_. AFSC published it. Perhaps copies could be made available to be sold at bookstores around Cheshire. - (And other books reflecting our biased viewpoints!) Libraries should have books on prisons & what's being done & what's going on. And Monadnock Friends should read it. It's only an essay - but challenges many basic concepts people have on prisons. And the suggestions of reform of jails itself he concludes in recognition abolishment of jails will not come immediately, point to things that can be done to keep the jailbird's spirit alive as it can be.

The Second Letter of John: 4-6

I was delighted to find that some of your children are living by the truth, as we were commanded by the Father. And now I have a request to make of you. Do not think that I am giving a new command; I am recalling the one we have had before us from the beginning: let us love one another. And love means following the commands of God. This is the command which was given you from the beginning, to be your rule of life.

I am "pegged in" now. That's what the guard called it. I am locked in my cell & cannot go to meals and strut up & down our tier, play cards with the other men, watch TV, or anything like taking a shower. I can yell & be heard by the other men, but the TV is a "bit" loud. For breakfast a glass of milk & a couple pancakes came through my door with a spoon (sic) and and ounce of syrup. Last night on the tier below us one fellow was thrown into the hole. For what it is unclear. We know everything they could have thrown him for. It's just not clear what the guards know. If they have the place bugged - it's because of a vulgar poem written to the guards he read to the entire east side. But it's clear why our tier, including four besides me are locked up. The guards do not take practical jokes very easily. We were noisy last night (the whole side, including our tier) & enough to bring a guard in. He calmly unplugged the TV & he gave his charges a short lecture. Sometime after that on our tier we put a dummy together at the end of the hall, opposite from the entrance to the tier. Just before the guards came we lighted a cigarette in his soap mouth. He had a head of blanket, a newspaper stuffed sweat shirt, trousers also with newspaper, soap eyes & a little toothpaste on his pants, sitting on some books. Guess we used toilet paper & other trash. I don't know. The guards came in. And a search to find where the pants & ~~[illegible]~~ sweatshirt had come from began. Everyone had their pants, the guards were bewildered. One fellow didn't have a sweatshirt, but he had never had one in the first place. So it looks like a few days lockup, a denial of cigarettes, newspapers, books and cards, except what we already have. It's fascinating how we made that dummy out of nothing, just everyone pooling their meagre resources. Wow! — We are denied entertainment with the exception of TV & books. So we create our own. Childishly? Yes; also a childish response. Like if it would hit the newspapers throughout the US & all the guards would be fired.

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Suddenly three guards on lockup [illegible] last night

So I'm doing fine. I am learning to love jail. I even am considering refusing to leave this lovely steel box for a swanky federal "big house." It's fascinating. I'm really surprised at how much the guards have begun to fear us. Especially we three federal prisoners up on tier Upper East. They know they are perpetrating injustice - but have nowhere to go. We aren't capable of helping them much either. Oh well, space is running out! Love,

MONADNOCK MONTHLY MEETING

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

Treasurers report for the month of April 1971

Cash on hand April 1, 1971		$108.35
Contributions		160.00
		$268.35

Expenses:

Friends Journal Gift subscrition	$ 6.00	
Peoples Hot Line Special gift	20.00	26.00
Balance April 30, 1971		$242.35

In May $200 to Yearly Meeting
39 to Peterborough Library
239 leaves $3.35 in account on May 4th

May 9, 1971

Monthly Meeting opened with a quotation from Fox's Journal followed by Worship. — 'every member hath need for one another' —

Minutes were read and approved.

Treasurers report was approved. It was suggested that cards of 'intent of contribution' by members be made available. This matter will be considered at the Finance Committee Meeting. Our Meeting is asked by the New England Finance Committee to increase our giving — this will be discussed at the next Meeting.

The Committee for Releasing Young Friends has written asking for a contribution — Three young persons will be working on summer projects if $635.00 can be raised.

It was approved that our Monthly Meeting Budget include 'token' contributions to Friends groups and individuals contribute directly.

Esther and Robert Greenleaf are welcomed into the meeting but a report is still pending from the visit by Thelma Babbitt and Philip Towle.

An application of membership has been received from Hulda Brayton — Thelma Babbitt and Philip Towle will meet with her and report to the next business meeting.

The following Nominating Committee was named by the Clerk:

Thelma Babbitt
Janael Raundal
Griffin Stabler
Elizabeth McNeal, Clerk-ex officio

Robert Lyon, Executive Secretary of the American Friends Service Committee (New England Area) has asked to meet with our Monthly Meeting to gain feedback on its approaches, programs, and to share in its hopes for the future. September 19th is the date set to invite Robert Lyon to meet with us at 10 A.M.

The arrangements for the children will continue at the Unitarian Church during the summer.

It was suggested that a meeting time for Business be reconsidered - possibly a different Sunday.

The meeting adjourned with a moment of silence, purposing to meet in June.

Virginia R. Towle
Recording Clerk

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
June 13, 1971

The Clerk opened the Meeting by reading the section on membership from Faith and Practice. This was followed by a period of worship.

I - The Minutes of the May Monthly Meeting were read and approved.

II - The Treasurer's Report was read by the Treasurer. (See Copy Attached.) It shows a balance on hand of $302.05 with commitments met to date.

III - A letter was read from New England Yearly Meeting asking us to consider increasing our contribution. After considerable discussion of other needs and commitments, it was decided not to increase at this time.

IV - A letter asking for special funds for a Young Friends project was referred to the Budget Committee at its next meeting.

V - The report of the Nominating Committee was read. The following nominations are offered:

Clerk - Virginia Towle
Recording Clerk - Thelma Babbitt
Assistant and Archivist - Joel Hayden
Treasurer - Griffin Stabler

Ministry and Counsel -
Elizabeth McGreal, Convenor
Robert Greenleaf
Charles Hildebrandt
Philip Towle
Janeal Ravndal
James Hitchcock
Helen Hitchcock

Peace and Social Concerns -
Judith Hildebrandt, Convenor
Esther Greenleaf
Steve Fleischer
Bonnie Neri-Zagel
Ruth Hayden

Religious Education -
Joel Hayden, Convenor
Ruth Schreib
Julie Snell
Hulda Brayton

Finance Committee -
Convenors of Committees
Treasurer
Clerk, ex officio

Nominating Committee 1971 -
Griffin Stabler
Thelma Babbitt
Jarneal Ravndal
Elizabeth McGreal - ex-officio

The Meeting approved the nominations as presented.

VI - Report of Ministry and Counsel.

- Hulda Brayton's application for membership was accepted pending receipt of letter of transfer from the First Congregational Church of Peterborough, N.H.

- The transfer of membership for Esther and Robert Greenleaf from the Cambridge, Mass. Meeting was accepted with pleasure and anticipation.

- Victoria (Pepper) Rae of Nashua, N.H. has requested her name be removed from our membership records. She says she regrets that distance prevents her from coming to Meeting and says she has been attending the Congregational Church in Nashua.

VII - A request from Virginia Towle was read in which she asked we consider changing the time of Monthly Meeting for Business. After a long and careful exchange of views, it was decided that because of complicated schedules and commitments, as well as of geography, we should continue to hold it on the second Sunday following Meeting for Worship.

VIII - The Towles have invited Meeting members and attenders to come to their home in Rindge for a pot-luck luncheon following Meeting for Worship on July 11.

IX - There will be no Monthly Meeting for Business in July. The Meeting adjourned, purposing to meet again on August 8.

Thelma C. Babbitt, Recording Clerk

MONADNOCK MONTHLY MEETING
RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

Treasurers report for the month of May 1971

Cash on hand April 30, 1971		$ 242.35
Contributions		480.00
		$ 722.35
Expenses:		
New England Yearly Meeting - Budget	200.00	
Peterborough Library March/April/May	39.00	
Friends Journal advtg.	6.30	
American Friends Service Comm. Peace Educ.	100.00	
Friends Committee on National Legistlation - Budget	50.00	
New England Yearly Meeting - Equalization Fund	25.00	420.30
Balance May 31, 1971		$302.05

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
August 8, 1971

Philip Towle, substituting for Clerk Virginia Towle, opened the Meeting for Business by reading from Bradford Smith's book entitled "What is God?" following which there was a brief period of Worship.

I - The Minutes of the June 13 Meeting were read and approved.

II - A letter was read from Kevin Towle, one of our members who is serving two years in Ashland, Kentucky Federal Youth Center for conscientious objection stand on registering for military service.

III - A reminder was given of the Northwest Quarterly Meeting which will be held at Wilderness Camp in September. The exact time and date will be announced at September Meeting. Friends who are interested are encouraged to attend.

IV - A notice was received from the Dover N. H. Meeting of a gathering of N. H. Friends at the Henniker Meeting House on September 21 at 10 A.M. followed by business, luncheon and afternoon session. Discussion on "Quakerism in New Hampshire: Its historical relationship to war in the light of the forthcoming national celebration of the Revolutionary war, the present anti-war movement, and the future of mankind." It was hoped that all Meetings in N. H. will send representatives.

There being no reports from Committees, the Meeting adjourned purposing to come together again on September 12, 1971

Thelma W. Babbitt, Recording Clerk

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
September 12, 1971

The Clerk opened the Meeting by reading a passage from Faith and Practice.
This reading was followed by a period for silent meditation.

I The Minutes of the last Meeting were not read because the Recording Clerk forgot to bring the Minute Book. They will be read at next Monthly Meeting.

II A communication has been received from the Union Congregational Church of Peterborough transferring the membership of Hulda Brayton to the Monadnock Monthly Meeting. We warmly welcome her into membership.

III Report of N.E. Yearly Meeting was given by Virginia Towle. The attendance was about 350 including 75 Young Friends. There was a very heavy schedule of Committee and Special Interest Meetings. The Workshop on Quaker Mysticism may lead to a Retreat later in the year. On most issues there appeared to be a considerable feeling of unity. However, the discussion of Friends Schools under the care of Yearly Meeting brought out a good ~~deal of~~ many differences of opinion, as the matter of lack of Quakerism in the Schools was considered. ~~the~~ One result of these deliberations will be a questionnaire which is to be sent to all Monthly Meetings.

Minute 60, adopted by 1970 Yearly Meeting and which now incorporates Minute 74 of Yearly Meeting of 1969 is brought to the attention of all Monthly Meetings in the hope they will be generous in their support of this concerns. Minute 60 is designed to help meet the needs of the victims of poverty and injustice.

It was announced that New England Yearly Meeting in 1972 will be held from July 29 to August 5 at the National Council of Churches camp at Geneva Point, Lake Winnipesaukee. Friends General Conference will be held June 24 to July 1 at Ithaca College, Ithaca, N.Y.

IV The Towles and Steve Fleischer attended the Northwest Quarterly Meeting at Webbs' Camp, Bridgewater, VT. They reported a very stimulating meeting of about 80 adults on the subject of "The Inner Light." Ralph Greene, who was chairman of the Minute 60 Committee last year, led a very worthwhile discussion using John Woolmans quotation on repression.

The Clerk reported visiting our member Kevin Towle, a C.O. in prison in Kentucky. He is working in the office but is feeling more and more hemmed in by restrictive regulations. He continues to welcome letters from all who will write.

V Ministry and Counsel report was given by Elizabeth McGreal, convener. The committee has met and has decided the sharing sessions on the First ~~Day~~ Sunday each month preceeding Meeting for Worship, will be based on the Queries this year. It was also suggested that the person leading the discussion will close Meeting for that month. Concern was also expressed about the need for outreach to those who do not come to Meeting for Worship. The next meeting will be held at the home of Elizabeth McGreal on October 7.

VI A letter from Karen Towle was read asking that she be transferred from a Junior member to a full adult member. The Meeting expressed warm appreciation for her letter and welcomed her into full adult membership.

VII No meeting has been held as yet of the Peace and Social Concerns Committee.

VIII The Religious Education Committee reports that arrangements have been made for the children to go to the Unitarian Sunday School again this year. The arrangement is for us to provide baby sitters and teachers thru November 14, then again from March 12 to May 21. They also plan to call on families with children to talk about religion in the home.

IX The Treasurers report shows a balance on hand of \$538.09 in the Savings account and a balance of \$417.34 in the checking account as of September 1, 1971 with all outstanding bills paid. (A copy is attached to these Minutes.

X The Finance Committee has met and offers the following recommendations:

1) Give an additional \$100 to Minute 60 of Yearly Meeting, to be taken from the balance in checking account.
2) Deposit remaining balance in checking account in the Savings a/c.
3) Ask the Treasurer to send our contribution to the Keene Center for Human Concerns twice a year rather than monthly.
4) Renew subscription to Friends Journal for Peterborough Library.

The Budget for 1971-72 was presented. It shows \$700 allocated for Meeting expenses and \$1100 for Peace and Social Concerns, making a total budget of $2000. Each item was discussed and carefully considered after which the budget was approved. Satisfaction was expressed that our Meeting is able to increase our outreach this year on social issues. A copy is herein attached.

The Clerk announced that Committee Day of N. E. Yearly Meeting will be held in Wellesley on September 18.

Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting will be Oct. 16 and 17 at Mt. Toby Meeting. Janeal Ravndal will be our representative. If others are able to go please notify the Clerk.

Interest was expressed in having an opportunity for the Meeting to hear a report about the Meeting School. Janeal Ravndal was asked to explore possibilities and let us know what can be worked out at next Monthly Meeting.

It was announced that Robert Lyon, executive secretary of the regional office of the American Friends Service Committee, will be with us on September 26 at 10 a.m. A sandwich lunch may be brought and beverages will be provided for those who wish to stay after Meeting for Worship for further discussion. Each one is asked to bring a cup and spoon.

The Meeting adjourned purposing to come together again on October 10, 1971 following Meeting for Worship.

Thelma W. Babbitt
Recording Clerk

Monadnock Monthly Meeting of Friends
P.O. Box 301
Peterborough, New Hampshire

September 10, 1971

INCOME	Budgeted 1970	Actually Expended	Proposed Budget 1971 - 72	
Contributions-general	$1600.00	$1961.00	$2000.00	
Contributions-special	-- o --	270.00	-- o --	
Total Income	$1600.00	$2231.00	$2000.00	
EXPENSES				
New England Yearly Meeting-General	375.00	375.00	400.00	
New England Yearly Meeting-Equalization Fund	25.00	25.00	50.00	
Friends General Conference	110.00	110.00	125.00	
Local Meeting Expenses				
Friends Journal	35.00	17.73	35.00	
Peterborough Library Hall Rental	170.00	156.00	170.00	
Post Office Box Rent	5.00	5.80	5.00	
Friends Literature	25.00	12.02	25.00	
Treasurer's Expense	7.00	4.00	5.00	
Care of Meeting Children	50.00	32.91	50.00	$900
Monadnock Council of Churches	10.00	10.00	10.00	
Advertising	-- o --	4.20	-- o --	
Meeting Attendance Contingency Expenses	-- o --	-- o --	25.00	
Peace and Social Concerns				
Friends Committee on National Legislation	100.00	100.00	100.00	
Friends World Committee for Consultation	-- o --	-- o --	100.00	
Friends World Com. for Cons.-1% More Fund	16.00	16.00	20.00	
American Friends Service Committee-Program	100.00	100.00	100.00	
American Friends Service Committee-Peace	200.00	200.00	200.00	
Quaker Action Group	100.00	100.00	100.00	
Center for Human Concerns	120.00	145.00*	120.00	
Peterborough Day Care Center	10.00	10.00	-- o --	
Minute 60 of New England Yearly Meeting	-- o --	-- o --	100.00	$1100
Releasing Young Friends-N. Eng. Yearly Meeting	-- o --	-- o --	30.00	
Other Concerns:	166.00		200.00	
Minute 74 (included Minute 60)		50.00		
Keene Peoples Hot Line		295.00*		
A.F.S.C. Paris Mission		45.00		
Total Expenses	$1624.00	$1813.66	$2000.00	

* Part Special Contribution

Note: Present Adult Membership-- 25

Monadnock Monthly Meeting

Oct. 10, 1971

The Clerk opened meeting for Business by reading a letter from our member, Ruth Schreib, telling of her experiences in the Sandy Springs Meeting in Maryland, where she and her family are now living. Ruth made reference to the very valuable experiences she had shared while attending the Monadnock Meeting during the past several years. This was followed by a brief period of worship.

I - The Minutes of both August 8 and September 12 meetings for Business were read and approved.

II - Several reported that the meeting on September 26 with Robert Lyon offered a good opportunity for an exchange of views about the relationship of the American Friends Service Committee and the Society of Friends. One subject discussed was how to identify a real "leading" to take action on a concern. It was thought that an occasional invitation to a staff person from AFSC working on some specific problem, to come and talk with us might lead to a closer relationship and understanding. It was also felt this might point the way for individual members to undertake work in some specific area.

III It had been suggested at our last Meeting that we seek ways of keeping in closer touch with the Meeting School. Janeal Ravndal is exploring the possibility of an invitation from the School for Meeting members to come on a Sunday afternoon to visit.

IV - Virginia Towle told of attending the meeting of Ministry and Council of New England Yearly Meeting at China Camps on September 24 to 26. Teresina Havens ~~set some~~ has planned Workshops for several areas: Connecticut Valley, Boston, Hanover and in Maine. These Workshops will be for Ministry and Council members only. Another plan is for a Conference on Mysticism to be led by Jeannette Smith.

V Our Ministry and Council was unable to meet as planned in early October. They will meet on Oct. 21.

VI The Prayer Study group which met regularly last year has not begun yet. It has been attended by both Friends and non-Friends. A question was raised as to whether it should be continued under the care of the Meeting. It was agreed that Ministry and Council should consider this and bring in suggestions to the next Monthly Meeting as to how the Meeting should be related to it. The group is meeting this Friday evening.

VII The Clerk read a letter from Kathleen Taylor, Librarian for the Peterborough Library requesting that shoes be worn on the premises of the Library. The letter stated that the library could not enforce this request but asked us to consider it. Discussion brought out considerable uneasiness with compliance to this request. Differing views were expressed at length. Some suggested passing out sandals at the door, others wanted to research the legal aspects of turning someone away with bare feet. There was no unity on this and it was agreed we would all give it prayerful thought and bring it up again at next Monthly Meeting.

VIII Virginia Towle suggested we might usefully insert something other than just the time and place of Meeting in the free church announcements in the local Peterborough paper.

It was agreed to include our weekly meeting announcement in the following papers: The Keene Sentinel, Monadnock Ledger, Milford Cabinet and Keene Shopper. Judy Hildebrandt will contact these papers and will think about what might be added beyond a plain announcement of Meeting time.

IX Joel Hayden will turn over to Steve Fleischer future announcements of Minister's groups.

X Questionnaires soliciting views on the desirability of bill boards in New Hampshire with the hope individuals would fill them out and send them back to the A A U W which is taking the lead on trying to do something about the defacing of road sides by too many large bill boards.

XI The Religious Education Committee passed out a sign-up sheet for adults who wish to help at Unitarian Nursery. We will try to keep the sheet full for two Sundays ahead.

Paula Fleming, one of our attenders, was added to the Religious Education Committee. She is interested to organize monthly supper meetings so that children can get acquainted with adults in the Meeting.

XII It was asked whether Melanie Hildebrandt's reading in Meeting bothers anyone. No it doesn't, though it was suggested she be urged to start learning to use the silence for other purposes.

XIII Peace and Social Concerns Committee met September 23. (Esther Greenleaf, Steve Fleischer and Judy Hildebrandt) They passed out a list of things to see if the Meeting is interested in any of them. They include the following:

Keene Hot Line
Roxbury Action Program
Rest Homes
Situational Ethics (aging, dying, euthanasia)
Indochina War (Using Common Cause call to action)
Recycling of glass, paper, metals
Minute 60 and Indians in Maine
Tax Resistance
Marathon House (for drug addicts)
Court-watching
Prison Systems (visits by laymen?)
Welfare Reform Legislation
Our own individual social action involvements

Three of the above were discussed: Recycling, Marathon House and our own involvements. It was suggested we ask someone from Marathon House to come and talk to us. Also on the last item, we should share ideas and information. On recycling David Foster will bring addresses of places where people can take things for recycling.

No action was asked for today but Friends were requested to think about these things.

XIV The Meeting adjourned with a period of silence, purposing to meet again on November ~~8~~ 14, 1971.

Thelma Babbitt
Recording Secretary

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
Nov. 14, 1971

I The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

II The Treasurer reported: Cash on hand at the end of fiscal year 1970-71 was $417.34. As directed by Minute X of Monthly Meeting Sept. 12, 1971, the treasurer made a special contribution to "Minute 60" of N.E.Y.M. of $100 and transferred the balance, $317.34, to Unity Bank and Trust Company in Roxbury, Mass. Expenses amounting to $434.25 were paid leaving a balance in checking account of $105.75

A question was raised about a $60 contribution to the Center for Human Concerns in Keene. We are informed this group is not functioning as such now. It was suggested no more contributions be sent and if the $60 has not been cashed, that it be returned. This suggestion was approved and Judy Hildebrandt will follow up on this.

III Clerk's Report: The Clerk brought to our attention a letter from the N.E.Y.M. Equalization Committee asking for contributions; a letter from Emily Wilson asking for contribution to "Minute 74"; and a letter saying the 1% More Fund is now called "The Right-Sharing of World Resources" fund. Our present budget includes contributions to all of these concerns.

The Clerk announced the invitation from the Meeting School to members and attenders, to a gathering at the School on Sunday afternoon at 4 P.M. November 21.

The Monadnock Ministers' Association will meet on Nov. 18 at 6:30 P.M. at Crotched Mountain Rehabilitation Center.

IV Judy Hildebrandt reported she had sent Meeting notices to the Keene Shopper and Keene Sentinel several times. They have been printed once or twice but neither paper carries regular church notices.

V At last Monthly Meeting the letter from the Peterborough Library asking that shoes be worn on library premises was discussed at length. No consensus was developed and the issue was put forward to this Meeting. Further discussion brought out a number of differing views but no sense of the Meeting as a whole. A suggestion was made that we schedule a special meeting to discuss thoroughly and frankly not only this issue but to talk about the larger issue of behavior in general at Friends gatherings, as reported in the Friends Journal of November 1 entitled "Shame" which describes destruction of property in an institution which hosted a yearly Meeting.

This suggestion was approved.

VI - Elizabeth McNeal reported for Ministry + Council.

David Foster's letter asking for membership in the Monadnock Monthly Meeting was received. Janeal Ravndal and Charlie Hildebrandt reported they had talked at length with David and found he had given much careful thought to membership in a Friends Meeting. They warmly recommended his application for membership be approved.

The Meeting welcomed David Foster into membership and looks forward to his participation in Monadnock Monthly Meeting with enthusiasm.

The question of the Prayer Study group was considered at length. It was felt that it need not be carried on under the care of the Meeting inasmuch as it seems to be functioning quite effectively as a separate group. It was felt it should continue to do so and people should be encouraged to join the group as and when they could.

It was announced that two visits have been made with members who have not found it easy to get to Meeting.

It is suggested that a small notice be posted on the door when a discussion is taking place on first Sundays from 10 to 10:40 welcoming any visitors to join it.

Karen Towle desires to be of some service to the Meeting even though she is some distance away most of the time at Lincoln School in Providence. Ministry + Council suggests she be asked to write occasionally to non-resident members, giving them news of the Meeting.

the last two items were approved. The decision regarding the Prayer Study group was questioned. Several felt it had been begun as a Meeting group and therefore should continue to function under the care of the Meeting. Various possibilities for how it should be related to the Meeting were discussed. It was finally agreed that Ministry and Council be asked to re-consider this issue in the light of the discussion at its next meeting, which is scheduled for December 2.

VII - A membership transfer letter for Donald Patterson has been received from Washington, D.C. Monthly Meeting to Monadnock Monthly Meeting. Friends expressed pleasure that Don will ~~be~~ join our Meeting. David Foster and Janeal Ravndal will welcome him personally on behalf of the Meeting.

A letter from the Putney, Vermont, Friends Meeting was read transferring membership in that Meeting to Monadnock Monthly Meeting, of Don and Paula Fleming and their two sons, Sean and Gregory. Joel and Ruth Hayden will extend the official welcome to these Friends on behalf of our Meeting. It was also suggested the Haydens raise the question as to whether Sean and Gregory wish to be listed as junior members.

Joel Hayden reported that -

VIII - The Religious Education Committee has not yet begun their plan for visiting families but expect to do so soon. The Sunday baby-sitting coverage is proceeding satisfactorily. Steve Fleischer volunteered to do this on Nov. 28

The report is approved.

Judy Hildebrandt reported that -

IX Peace and Social Concerns Committee ~~reported they~~ wishes to urge individuals to continue contributions to the Hot Line in Keene. They feel it is providing a very useful service. Some minimal support is being given by the City but they need other financial support.

Recycling information will be compiled by David Foster and sent out to all members in a mailing planned by the Clerk.

A list of practical and useful Christmas suggestions will be prepared and sent to the "Letters to the Editor" Columns of local papers.

The report was approved.

The Clerk announced that Committee Day of New England Yearly Meeting will be held in Cambridge Saturday Nov. 20. She will attend Ministry and Council. Others wishing to attend other Committees may go with her if they will let her know ahead of time.

Northwest Quarterly Meeting will be held in Bennington on December 4 and 5. The Clerk plans to attend. Steve Fleischer and Don and Paula Fleming also intend to go.

X The time of Monadnock Monthly Meeting was discussed again. It was agreed we would meet next time at 9:15 A.M. before Meeting for Worship.

The Meeting adjourned purposed to meet again on Sunday, December 12.

Thelma Babbitt
Recording Secretary

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
December 12, 1971

Our Meeting for Business was opened with a period of quiet meditation

I - The Minutes of the previous Meeting on Nov. 14 were read. It was brought out the in minute VII relating to the transfer of Don and Paula Fleming, their two sons were not included in the transfer. With this correction, the Minutes were approved.

II - The Treasurer's Report was read. It showed a balance of $235.75 It was approved as read.

III - The Clerk reported that copies of Faith and Practice are available at a cost of $1.50. A copy will be loaned to prospective members. Ministry and Council will have charge of distribution of additional copies without cost if and when necessary.

IV Ministry and Council met as planned on December 2. They recommended that Business Meeting be held after Meeting for Worship on second Sundays rather than before as had been rather hastily agreed upon at our previous Business Meeting. It was further recommended that we try to hold the Business Meeting to one hour if at all possible and that lengthy subjects needing more thorough discussion be saved for an occasional evening Meeting to include a covered dish supper. They suggested the first of such meetings be held at 5:30 P.M. on Jan 22 here at Library Hall. This meeting will include discussion on the status of the Prayer-Study Group and other such matters.

These suggestions were approved.

V - Peace and Social Concerns Committee reported that -
A) The check for $60 to the defunct Center for Human Concerns (see Minute II of Nov. 14/71) has not been located but payment has been stopped.
B) A notice was placed on the Bulletin Board of Keene State College of time of Meeting
C) A list of suggestions for Christmas giving will be prepared and put in the paper.
D) Recycling suggestions are available
E) Ed Lazar, Peace Education Secretary of the Cambridge Regional Office of AFSC has told us he wishes to be in closer touch with Friends Meetings. It was suggested we invite Ed Lazar for a Saturday Evening on Feb 26 and Judy

Hildebrandt was asked to be in touch with Ed Lazar to set this up.

The next meeting of Peace & Social Concerns Committee will be held at 10 a.m. on Dec. 19 in Library Hall preceding Meeting for Worship.

VI - Pat Patterson, who recently visited Concord, N.H. Meeting, shared a concern regarding the legal aspects of not paying taxes. They are exploring ways of setting up a Trust Fund to receive taxes which will then be used for constructive purposes. Further suggestions included the possibility that such a Fund might be held by Monthly Meetings. ~~It~~

It was suggested that our Peace and Social Concerns Committee should consider this concern further and share their thinking at our next Monthly Meeting.

VII - The Clerk introduced Ruth Stokes, a member of the Minute 74 Committee of N.E.Y.M. She gave us the background of this Minute and indicated that several Friends Schools have benefitted substantially from funds distributed by N.E.Y.M. for the purpose of bringing in both white and black low-income students to these Schools.

This concern covered by Minute 74 is expected to be integrated with Minute 60, ~~pass~~ approved by the 1970 N.E.Y.M., which will encompass a broader range of concerns for race, ~~and~~ poverty, and injustice.

Our Meeting expressed thanks to Ruth Stokes for being with us. Our budget includes a contribution to Minute 60 and thus we will automatically be supporting Minute 74 concerns.

VIII Joel Hayden reported that the Religious Education Committee will meet on Dec. 22.

IX - Steve Fleischer reported he attended a meeting of the Monadnock Council of Churches and heard Tom Duane speak about Monadnock Family Service. The next meeting of this group will be held in Francestown on January 19, 1972.

X - The Clerk reported on having attended Northwest Quarterly Meeting held in Bennington, Vermont. The Walkers and Diens told of their experience in living for a period at Woodbrooke, the Quaker Center in England. The theme of their Conference was "What it means to be a Quaker." The next meeting of this Quarter will be held in Middlebury, Vt. on Feb. 19, 1972.

It was announced that our Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting will be held in Hartford on Feb. 5 + 6, 1972.

The Meeting adjourned purposing to come together again on January 9, 1972.

Thelma W. Babbitt
Recording Clerk

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
January 9, 1972

The Meeting was opened by the Clerk reading a letter from an Irish Friend, Charles Lamb, telling how he is trying to bring a Quaker witness of reconciliation to bear on the tragic violence going on in Ireland. He invites Friends who come to Ireland to look him up.

I - The Minutes of the last Monthly Meeting were read.
It was pointed out that whereas Minute V states that payment had been stopped on the $60 check for the Center for Human Concerns, the fact is this has not been done but will [illegible] immediately be stopped. In this same Minute, the Center for Human Concerns was described as "defunct". It is more accurate to say it is "dormant."

In regard to the Minute VI dealing with Don Patterson's report of the exploration being made by Concord, N. H. Friends Meeting to look into an alternative to paying taxes, it was pointed out that the Trust Fund being considered would receive "taxable income" rather than "taxes" as noted in the minute.

With these corrections, the Minutes were approved.

II - The Special Meeting to consider subjects that need more time for discussion will be held on Saturday January 22 at 5:30 P.M. in Library Hall. There will be a pot-luck supper preceding the Meeting. It was suggested this be considered an "adjourned" Business Meeting. Robert Greenleaf was asked and agreed to act as clerk of this Meeting. A small arrangements committee was appointed: Judy Hildebrandt, Chandra Towle and Elizabeth McGeal

III The Treasurer's Report was read. (See attached.) It shows a cash balance of $52.30. We are half way through our fiscal year and Friends are reminded we have more than half of our obligations still to be met. The report was approved.

IV - The Religious Education Committee reported on its meeting at the home of Paula Fleming in Keene, followed by an informal discussion with the Hildebrandts about religious education in the home. The Committee recommends that ~~Meeting~~ a get-together be planned for the whole Meeting especially to get acquainted with the children. A date for such a gathering will be set a little later. This report was approved.

V - The Peace and Social Concerns Committee met on December 19. It was reported that Pat Haley had put an article in the Keene Sentinel before Christmas, drawing upon information contained in the ~~information~~ material put out by the A.F.S.C. for constructive gifts to give and things to do for Christmas.

They discussed the concern outlined in Minute VI of the Meeting for Business on 12 December 1971, put forward by Donald Patterson, with reference to setting up a Trust Fund to receive family Income. The Committee felt there were many complicated legal questions involved in this matter and therefore they have no recommendations.

It was announced that Ed Lazar, Peace Education Secretary of the AFSC, will be delighted to meet with us on February 19 (rather than on the 26th as mentioned at last Business Meeting). A pot-luck supper will be planned to preced this discussion. The format will include an outline of AFSC's concern to relate more closely to Friends' Meetings under the subject "Toward a New Society - Learning through Engagement." This will be followed by a slide show of the Automated War, in S.E. Asia. Children are invited to attend.... A recommendation was made to support with a financial contribution, the Monadnock Health & Welfare Council. Discussion brought out the feeling that our limited resources should be used for uniquely Friends activities. *

* [illegible] suggested Virginia Weller, director of the Concord N.H. Peace Center be invited to come and tell our Meeting about their activities. The Peace + Social Concerns will discuss this at their next meeting. The report was approved.

VI - It was announced that Ministry and Council will hold its next meeting after the January 22 adjourned Business Meeting and will be prepared to report at our next Business Meeting.

VII - The Clerk reported on a family visit to our member Kevin Towle who is serving a prison sentence for refusing to register for military service. Kevin had been fasting from Dec. 1 to Dec. 22 and felt it was a valuable experience for himself and he hoped thru his witness to have made some impression on the prison authorities about conditions in the prison. He seemed in good health the meeting was glad to hear.

Quarterly Meeting will be held in Hartford Feb. 5 + 6. David Foster, Donald Patterson and Ruth Hayden will attend.

The Clerk announced that Yearly Meeting Ministry + Council will hold a meeting on "Mysticism" Mar. 10 + 11 at Lincoln School at Providence. Also three workshops on "Marriage Enrichment" were announced. The Clerk has dates and other information for those interested in attending.

VIII - Other Concerns -
The Meeting School is applying for a grant from the Minute 74 Committee of N.E.Y.M. The question was raised as to whether our Meeting might wish to give a portion of our contribution to Minute 74 directly to the Meeting School. Several suggestions were made including using any additional funds which come in over

and above our budget, to make a special Scholarship gift to the Meeting School. We were also reminded that it has been suggested that next year's budget include an item for a Scholarship Fund to be given directly to the School.

This Meeting adjourned purposing to meet again at an Adjourned Business Meeting on January 22.

Thelma W. Babbitt
Recording Clerk

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Monadnock Monthly Meeting
Religious Society of Friends

Treasurers Report for November and December 1971

Cash on hand - Checking Account October 31, 1971		$ 105.75
Contributions		210.00
		$ 315.75
Expenses:	Peterborough Library	39.00
	Peoples Hot Line - Special Contribution	20.00
	Friends General Conference - Budget	75.00
	Friends Journal - Advertisement	9.45
	Minute 60 - New England Yearly Meeting	100.00
	Right Sharing of World Resources Comm.	20.00
	Total Expenses	$ 263.45
	Balance Checking Account, Dec, 31, 1971	$ 52.30

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
Adjourned Meeting – January 22, 1972
Peterborough, N. H.

The Adjourned Meeting for Business, held at Peterborough Library Hall, began with a period of worship, following which Robert Greenleaf, acting as Clerk for this meeting, called our attention to the purpose of our coming together. Because several important subjects needing lengthy discussion had emerged over the past few months, Ministry and Council suggested that since there hadn't been enough time to discuss these issues thoroughly at our regular Meetings for Business, that a special gathering should be arranged. A pot-luck supper and social hour preceded the Adjourned Meeting.

This was a very large gathering, attended by a substantial majority of members and a good many regular attenders. Our Clerk, Virginia Towle introduced Jeannette Smith, a member of Providence Monthly Meeting, whom Virginia had invited to attend this meeting.

The agenda included four subjects: 1) The Status of the Prayer-Study Group 2) Bare feet in Meeting for Worship (this issue grew out of a letter from the Trustees of the Peterborough Library which asked that shoes be worn by those using library premises.) 3) The Behavior of some Young Friends at Yearly Meetings last year and 4) The letter from Concord, N. H. Friends Meeting asking for legal advice on their concern to set up a Fund into which could be put all taxable income and from which ~~the~~ needs would be supplied, in order to avoid paying Income Taxes.

I With regard to the Prayer Study Group, we were reminded that Ministry and Council had suggested that this group function on its own rather than under the care of the Meeting. This recommendation was not approved at Monthly Meeting.

Discussion brought out that some felt strongly that this activity could very well take place on its own, with announcements being made regularly to Meeting members as to topics, location and dates. Others felt equally strongly that such a group properly belongs under the care of the Meeting. Various suggestions were made as to how this might be accomplished: Possibly a special Study group Committee might be named which would report regularly to Monthly Meeting; possibly it could be undertaken by the Religious Education Committee which presently has oversight of the childrens' religious education. However, none of these suggestions was acceptable ~~by~~ to some of those who had been actively involved in the Prayer Study Group. The feeling, strongly expressed, was that this should properly come under the responsibility of the Committee on Ministry and Council.

After very thorough discussion, with points of view being expressed by nearly everyone present, it was finally agreed to ask Ministry & Council, in the light of this discussion, to undertake responsibility for the Prayer Study Groups. They were asked to bring forward to Monthly Meeting recommendations for topics for discussion, suggestions for format, the frequency and location of some kind of adult study group.

II The issue of bare feet at Meeting for Worship formed the next part of our discussion. It centred around the request by the Peterborough Library Trustees that shoes be worn by those using library premises. This was a very lengthy and thorough discussion of this issue, in which nearly everyone present participated and expressed individual views.

In general, it was recognized that the Library was quite within its rights to adopt regulations regarding the attire and behavior of those using their premises. It was brought out that it is a public institution and is answerable to public officials. As such, it feels a responsibility to set such standards. However, many Friends present felt there is a principle involved here with which they are not in harmony.

The feeling was expressed that we should certainly be sensitive to the wishes of those whose premises we are using. At the same time however, many felt we must be equally sensitive to the wishes of those who prefer not to wear shoes. It was pointed out that most people wh attend Meeting for Worship do wear shoes and that most others would be sensitive to those who felt offended by bare feet. It was brought out that some are strongly opposed to regulations with regard to attire. It was recalled that historically Friends have emphasized simplicity in attire and the feeling was expressed that there is nothing intrinsically wrong or immoral with not wearing shoes. The matter of George Fox 'wearing his hat in the presence of the King was also mentioned.

One young member said that he had felt "put down" when he was asked by another member to put on shoes but that he had complied with the request out of respect for that member. He felt this was different from being told by an institution that he must wear shoes.

One young member was said to be staying away from Meeting because he knew of the action of the Library Trustees and because of the objections of some of the members. It was thought it would be helpful and in the spirit of Friends if those who feel strongly on the could talk personally with this young member and learn the basis of his strong feeling about bare feet. Several of those present offered to talk with the young member and establish a friendly personal relationship with him. It was brought out that some people feel more strongly than others that appearing in bare feet is a matter of principle and conscience; that perhaps some are more able than others to conform to such regulations without violating their consciences because they wish to be sensitive to others who ~~feel~~ may not feel as they do about bare feet.

It was pointed out by several Friends that attire and bare feet are manifestations of a difference in values and priorities and is a very deeply held feeling on the parts of many young people. During the course of this discussion, those who appeared to feel most uneasy about accepting the regulation against bare feet seemed to be those adults who are in closest daily contact with young people. There was certainly no clear division of thinking as between young people and adults in this discussion.

While there was a good deal of sentiment expressed that we should meet the request of the Library Trustees to wear shoes, no one seemed willing actually to turn anyone away at the door if he came to Meeting with bare feet. It was recognized that there is the alternative of finding another place to hold Meetings for Worship in which there would be no such regulations, and individuals who wished to do so were encouraged to seek another location and bring the suggestion back to Meeting for consideration.

It was finally agreed that a letter should be sent to the Library Trustees, to let them know we had given the subject long and serious thought and discussion. The Recording Secretary was asked to draft a letter and bring it to the next Monthly Meeting for Business on Feb. 13

III - On Item #3, the behavior of Friends at Yearly Meetings, it was brought out that this involved destruction of property, misuse of eating and sleeping privileges and a general disregard for regulations of the institution in which Yearly Meeting was being held.

There was very little substantive discussion on this subject inasmuch as it had not come up as a matter ~~of~~ requiring action from the Monthly Meeting. It was brought out however that this matter may well be another instance of a difference in values and priorities. Some of those who are closely associated with young people said that their attitude is one of sharing personal property, places to sleep and food and that this is very important to them. It was felt this might be one of the basic reasons behind their actions at yearly Meeting. It was recognized that we are not prepared at this time to engage in a thorough discussion of this particular concern. Therefore no specific action was taken.

IV - With regard to the request from Concord, N.H. Monthly Meeting, for information on the legal aspects of finding a way to avoid paying income taxes, our Peace and Social Concerns Committee said again (as had been reported in Minute V of January 9 Meeting for Business) that they had discussed this and did not feel competent to make suggestions or recommendations. It was thought a letter should be written to this affect to the Concord Meeting. Judy Hildebrandt, chairman of Peace & Social Concerns will see that this is done.

After a short period of worship, this Meeting was adjourned purposing to come together again at 12 noon on Feb. 13 after Meeting for Worship.

Thelma Babbitt
Recording Secretary

Monadnock Monthly Meeting of Friends
Religious Society of Friends
P.O. Box 301
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January, 1972

MEMBERS

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5 and 6. Don and Paula Flemming, 209 Baker St.,Keene,N.H. 03431 352-8205
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7. David Foster, The Meeting School,Day House,Thomas Rd. Rindge,N.H.03461 899-2806
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9 and 10. Robert and Esther Greenleaf, Old Street Rd.,Peterborough,N.H.03458 924-7101
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24 and 25. Thomas and Julia Snell,The Meeting School,Thomas Road,Rindge,N.H.03461
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26 and 27. Lois and Griffin Stabler, "Honey Hill",RFD,Winchester,N.H. 03470 352-6006
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30 and 31. Philip A. and Virginia R.Towle,P.O. Box 398,Rindge,N.H. 03461 899-5448
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Field,Jason,Albright House,The Meeting School,Thomas Road,Rindge,N.H.03461 899-6687.
Klein, Edwin and Catherine,Garden Apartments,Cheney Ave.,Peterborough,N.H. 03458
    924-3762
Kerr,Nora, 588 West St.,Keene,N.H. 03431 352-3899
    Melani
Schultz, Robert and Phyllis,The Meeting School,Rindge,N.H. 03461 899-6630
    Stephen and Jesse
Snipes,Susan Hayden House,The Meeting School,Rindge,N.H. 03461 899-2821
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Monadnock Monthly Meeting
February 13, 1972

The Meeting for Business was opened by our clerk with a period of quiet meditation.

I The Minutes of the January 9th Meeting were read, followed by a reading of the Minutes of the special adjourned meeting held on January 22.

In the January 9 minutes, it was noted that Jeannette Smith is Clerk of Ministry and Council of N.E.Y.M.

In the January 22 minutes, it was recalled that the letter from the Peterborough Library was signed by the Librarian, not by the Trustees, as mentioned in the Minutes several times

With these corrections, the Minutes were approved.

II - The letter to be sent to the Peterborough library stating our position on the matter of bare feet at Meeting for Worship, was approved with minor corrections. The Clerk will see that it is sent promptly to the Librarian.

III - Ministry and Council reported they had met on February 3. They discussed spoken ministry to children when they are with us during the first part of the Meeting for Worship. They feel that when anyone has a thought that can be directed to and shared with the children it will help them feel gathered into the Meeting. They hope all will nurture this.

With new responsibility for the Study Group, Ministry and Council presented a suggestion for what they hope will be a challenging intellectual and spiritual adventure. A topic will be determined by Ministry + Council well in advance and a list of books for prior reading will be made available. Leadership for these discussions from now until June will be assumed by members of Ministry and Council. They will be held about once a month on Friday evenings in Library Hall at 8 P.M. The first meeting will be March 10, led by Charles Hildebrandt on the topic "The Self - Self-centered Selfishness."

This report was approved.

IV - The Treasurer reported a balance on hand of $256.50 with bills paid up to date. He also reported that the $60 check sent to the dormant "Center for Human Concerns" has been returned and destroyed.

V – Peace and Social Concerns Committee has met and decided to consider bringing the film "Another Family for Peace" to this area. It is hoped its showing may be sponsored by the Monadnock Ministers Association. Ruth Hayden reports they are trying for the date of April 15 for this film. Definite information will be given later.

This Committee also suggests a relationship with Marathon House (a drug rehabilitation center in Dublin) be developed so there can be intervisitation in private homes. It was suggested that contact be made with the leadership in Marathon House and possible arrangements be made for home visits.

Another concern being explored is in relation to first offenders who have been arrested. A group called "Volunteers on Probation Inc." may be one with which we can cooperate. Judy Hildebrandt was encouraged to pursue this.

VI – The Clerk reported on her attendance at Committee Day of N.E.Y.M.

- A workshop is being planned for Yearly Meeting this year on the "Right Sharing of World Resources" or what used to be called the 1% More Fund of Friends World Committee. This will be expanded to include a number of other Friends concerns, such as simplicity of living, financial investments, social concerns and so on. (Yearly Meeting will be held July 29 to Aug. 5 at Geneva Point, Lake Winnipesaukee at the Council of Churches camp.)

- A statistical report of our Monthly Meeting has been prepared by Joel Hayden. It shows 23 Junior members, 43 resident members, 9 non-resident members – a total of 52, showing a gain of 9 members. This report was accepted, though it was mentioned that one Junior member had become an adult member this year

- The Clerk reported that N.E.Y.M. Ministry and Council has suggested that representatives to the Y.M. Ministry & Council from Monthly Meeting should be appointed by our Committee on Ministry & Council and should be a present or past member of M. & C. This will be considered at the next meeting of our Ministry and Council.

- David Foster reported that he attended Quarterly Meeting in Hartford on Feb. 5 & 6. Over 100 people were there. Among concerns discussed at this meeting, was the need for more intercommunication between meetings of the Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting. They also considered the issue of Quaker Education in general. A workshop on "Creative Listening" provided attenders with an opportunity to exchange thoughts and become better acquainted.

- We were reminded of the meeting with Ed Lazar of the AFSC on February 19 at 7 P.M. at Library Hall. No pot luck supper will be arranged but those wishing to bring a sandwich supper may do so.

- A workshop to be held in this area on April 8 will feature Vietnamese living in this area. ~~who~~ They will discuss Vietnamese culture and history. Our Meeting has been asked to take responsibility for finding a location for this meeting, for baby-sitting and for limited overnight hospitality. The Meeting School was suggested as a location. Also possibly the G.A.R. Hall in Keene.

- The Clerk announced she could not be present for the next Monthly Meeting. Elizabeth McGreal agreed to act as Clerk!

This meeting adjourned with a period of meditation.

Thelma W. Babbitt
Recording Secretary

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
March 12, 1972

The Monadnock Monthly Meeting for Business met on March 12, 1972 in Library Hall, Peterborough, N.H.

I The Meeting opened with a period of silence

II The Minutes of the February 13 meeting were read. There was one correction. In Minute V the date should read April 13.

With this correction the minutes were approved.

III Joel Hayden, chairman of the Religious Education Committee said there was nothing new to report except that we must begin again to provide adults to help with Sunday School at the Unitarian Church.

IV Judy Hildebrandt reported for the Peace and Social Concerns Committee.

A) They have not yet contacted Marathon House but Judy has the name of the person to contact.

B) Judy has materials on "Volunteers on Probation" for people to look at. The P. & S. C. Committee has not yet studied this organization but will have something to say at next meeting.

C) The film "Another Family For Peace" will be shown on April 13 at the Unitarian Church. We are hoping the Monadnock Ministers Association will sponsor it. Elizabeth Boardman will be there to lead a discussion following the film. The maximum price for the film is $20. The Meeting agreed to pay this amount if necessary but hoped other organizations will chip in.

D) Saturday, April 8, will be Vietnam Day in this area. The meeting, sponsored by the Peace & Social Concerns Committee of N. E. Yearly Meeting, will take place in the Unitarian Church in Peterborough between 10 a.m. and 6 P.M. It is open to the public. About 60 are expected. Each is to bring his own lunch. Our Meeting is to provide the lunch beverage, baby sitting and overnight accomodation if needed.

E) The Good Friday Witness for Peace on Boston Common was announced for March 31, from 11 to 4.

V Elizabeth McGreal reported for Ministry & Counsel:

A) Our first meeting of the reorganized Friday Evening Discussion group took place March 10 in Library Hall. The next meeting will be on April 21. The subject will be "Beyond Emmaus." Elizabeth McGreal will lead the discussion and a book list is available.

B) Some new Quaker books were commended to our attention: "The Peaceable Kingdom", by Jan de Hartog and "Procession of Friends" by Daisy Newman:

c) It was agreed to drop the monthly pre-meeting discussion sessions on the Queries in favor of the newly organized Friday evening discussions.

D) Kevin Towle's address is: Box 1000, Morgantown, W. Va. 26505

E) A letter has been received from Judy Haney. She intends to return in August and would appreciate help in locating a job.

F) The Friends Journal will make use (for publication) of our Minute on bare feet.

VI Announcements:

A) Meetings at the Unitarian Church:
March 16 - Focusing on Child & Family needs in our Community.
" 28 - " " Needs of Senior Citizens in " "

B) A record is available for sale of songs by Joel Hayden, sung by members of the Meeting School Committee.

C) Scott Nearing will speak March 19 at 7:30 P.M. in Ashby at First Parish Unitarian-Universalist Church "Man's Search for the good life."

D) Jean Tibbals is available to speak to groups about her experience at the Paris World Assembly for the Peace and Independence of the Indochinese People, held at Versailles, France.

VII The meeting adjourned following a moment of silent worship

Joel Hayden
Asst. Recording Clerk

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
April 9, 1972

The Monadnock Monthly Meeting held its Meeting for Business on April 9, 1972 at Peterborough Library Hall following meeting for worship

The meeting was opened with a short period of silence during which we held our member, who is ill, Julie Snell, in our thoughts.

I

The Minutes of our last Monthly Meeting were read and approved.

II - The Treasurer's report was given by Griffin Stabler. He reported contributions to date have been $1165. Our Budget is $2000. Major financial obligations have been met with the exception of the AFSC. The balance on hand is $141.50 so Friends were reminded we will need to take this into account over the next few months inasmuch as our fiscal year ends August 31.

The Treasurer was asked to order a supply of stationery and envelopes for the use of our Meeting.

The Treasurer's report was approved.

III - The report of Peace and Social Concerns was given by Judy Hildebrandt. It was announced that on April 13 there will be a showing of the film "Another Family for Peace" at 7:30 P.M. at the Unitarian Church.

The "Vietnam Day" was held at the Unitarian Church on Saturday April 8. This was initiated by the N.E.Y.M. Peace and Social Concerns Committee with the coöperation of our member Judy Hildebrandt. Special note was taken of the very fine service given in taking care of the children during the day by Cadigan and Rohan Gregory and by Chandra Towle. Thirty-five people attended, somewhat less than was hoped.

IV - Elizabeth McGreal reported for Ministry and Council. They met on Friday April 7 and discussed the reading of the Queries on occasion; considered possibly combining Ministry and Council with the Religious Education Committee and made preliminary plans for a Study Group on May 26. The feasibility of small ~~study~~ groups meeting more frequently, each in its own area - notably Keene, Peterborough and Rindge - was contemplated. The rest of the time was given to work on the state of the Meeting report, a draft of which was presented to the Meeting.

The State of the Meeting report was read aloud. It summarizes the thinking of the members of Ministry and Council and of the Clerk, Virginia Towle. Appreciation was expressed for this statement on behalf of the full meeting. Several suggestions were made for consideration. The draft statement will be re-written to reflect these suggestions.

The full report of Ministry and Council, including the State of the Meeting report, was accepted. A copy is to be sent by our Clerk to Quarterly Meeting and to Yearly Meeting.

In connection with meetings of the Committee on Ministry and Council, our Clerk suggested that minutes be kept. This appears to be a fairly general practice.

V - The Clerk asked for reports of various meetings which had been attended during the past month. The one concerned with Senior Citizens at the Unitarian church was reported to be very good. In this connection visits have been made to two Friends Retirement homes - Kendall in Chad's Ford and Foulkeways in suburban Philadelphia. They have long waiting lists of people who are making plans several years ahead for this type of simple living arrangements.

There was also a report by David Foster of his attendance at a demonstration in Harrisburg, Pa. in protest against the continuing war in southeast Asia and in support of the ~~defendants in the~~ trial of the Harrisburg 7 including Father Berrigan. The churches opened their doors to the demonstrators and about ~~200~~ 1000 slept overnight. About 7000 took part in the march.

The Clerk suggested the meeting approve purchasing one book a year for each of the libraries in our area. She mentioned Keene, Rindge, Jaffrey and Hancock as well as the Peterborough library.

The Clerk appointed a Nominating Committee to bring in names for the Presiding Clerk, Recording Clerk, Treasurer; for members to serve on Ministry and Council, Religious Education and Peace and Social Concerns. Also appointees to serve on Yearly Meeting Ministry & Council, Finance and Nominating Committees. The following members were appointed to the Nominating Committee: Steve Fleischer, chairman, Hulda Brayton and Ruth Haydon. They will bring in their recommendations to the next monthly meeting. Members who have suggestions for any of these positions were requested to make them known to the Nominating Committee.

The Clerk also appointed a Committee to plan for a Fellowship Evening: Paula Fleming, David Foster and Julie Snell & Elba Greenleaf.

VI - Other Concerns: Judy Hildebrandt suggested we consider laying down the Peace and Social Concerns Committee. She felt such matters could be adequately handled by having individuals under the weight of a concern, bring them forward to the Meeting for approval and an ad hoc committee could be set up to deal with that specific concern.

After some discussion, it was agreed this is an advisable step to consider at this time. It was suggested that the Nominating Committee might name one person to be a contact if the need arose. Friends were asked to think about this and be ready to make a decision at next Monthly Meeting. It was mentioned that we might also decide to lay down the Religious Education Committee and perhaps integrate it with Ministry and Council.

After a period of silence, the meeting was adjourned, purposing to meet again on May 14.

Thelma W. Babbitt
Recording Secretary

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
May 14, 1972

The Monadnock Monthly Meeting for Business was held in Library Hall, Peterborough, following Meeting for Worship.

I - The Minutes of the last Monthly Meeting were read and approved with one comment. Virginia Towle suggested that it was unnecessary to single her out in Minute II, since she was attending the ~~N.E.Y.M.~~ on Ministry and Council in an ex officio capacity as a member of Ministry & Council of N.E.Y.M.

II - The Treasurer, Griffin Stabler, reported that as of the end of April there was a balance of $68.50. He further reported there are still $440 worth of unpaid commitments.

A special appeal letter from Yearly Meeting was discussed. The meeting agreed to send an extra $150 to Y.M. in response to this appeal.

Steve Fleischer requested a grant of $25 from the Contingency Fund to enable him to attend Friends General Conference this year. The Meeting approved a grant of $25 from the Contingency Fund and a further grant of $30 from the item in the budget entitled "Other Concerns."

III - The Meeting discussed the possibility of laying down the Committee on Peace and Social Concerns. (See April Minute VI) It was agreed to continue the Committee for now, but to reconsider this suggestion from time to time.

IV - There was discussion of the possibility of combining the Religious Education Committee with Meeting on Ministry and Council.

It was approved that we keep a separate Committee on Religious Education, whose concern will be the children and whose minimum job will be to take care of baby sitting during Meeting for Worship.

There was discussion of the "small groups" mentioned in Minute IV of the April meeting. No clear decision was reached about how to clarify just what was meant by that part of Minute IV.

V - Steve Fleischer reported for the Nominating Committee. The report follows:

Clerk - Esther Greenleaf
Recording Clerk - Thelma Babbitt
Asst. Recording Clerk - Griffin Stabler
Treasurer - Ruth Hayden

Finance Committee: Griffin Stabler, Convenor
Ruth Hayden
Thelma Babbitt

Ministry & Council - Elizabeth McGreal, Convenor
Janeal Ravndal
Joel Hayden
Paula Fleming
Stephen Fleischer
Charles Hildebrandt

Religious Education - Donald Fleming, Convenor
Karen Towle

Peace & Social Concerns - Hulda Brayton, Convenor
Phyllis Schultz
Thelma Babbitt

Appointments to N.E.Y.M. Ministry and Council will be made by our Ministry and Council and will be one of the members of this Committee. Donald Fleming was appointed to the N.E.Y.M. Finance Committee.

This report was accepted.

VI - We had no representatives at the last Quarterly meeting in New Haven and thus there is no report.

VII - The Clerk read a letter from the Hitchcocks requesting transfer of membership to the Sarasota Friends Meeting in Florida. The Meeting approved that the Clerk write such a letter of transfer, expressing our love and best wishes.

VIII - David Foster shared his experiences in demonstrations and civil disobedience in Stratford, Conn. on April 17 and a White House vigil on May 3.

After a period of silence the meeting adjourned purposing to meet again on 11 June 1972.

Joel Hayden
Asst. Recording Clerk

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
Peterborough, N.H. June 11, 1972

The Monadnock Monthly Meeting for Business was held at Library Hall on June 11, 1972.

The acting Clerk, Elizabeth McGreal, opened the Meeting by reading a poem by Edwin Muir, "The Way" followed by a few moments of silence.

I - The Minutes of the last Monthly Meeting were read and approved.

II - A Treasurers report was given and is attached. The Treasurer, Griffin Stabler told us there are still $230 in commitments that have not been taken care of. He has received $160 in June.

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MONADNOCK MONTHLY MEETING

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

Report of the Treasurer for the month ending May 31, 1972

Cash on hand May 1, 1972	68.50
Contributions	368.67
Total	$437.17
Expenses:	
Friends General Conference - Steve Fleischer	55.00
New England Yearly Meeting - Extra Contribution	150.00
Eliz. Boardman - Movie Rental	20.00
American Friends Service Committee-Budgeted	200.00
Total	$425.00
Balance May 31, 1972	$12.17

III - Elizabeth McGreal reported that Kevin Towle is home for three days on a leave arrangement from prison.

IV - Hulda Brayton mentioned three possible areas of activity for Peace and Social Concerns. Because the Meeting was small it was decided to bring these up in September. These were: a walk to raise money for Vietnamese children who have lost their limbs because of the war; a telephone tree to get political action on Quaker Concerns; and a possible visit by Virginia Colter in the fall. This visit would be sponsored by the Monadnock Council of Churches.

V - A question was raised as to when the new Committees take over. At present the Meeting year runs from September to September, so new Committees start Sept. 1. Assignments such as care of Meeting children are the responsibility of current Committees until the end of August.

VI - Our incoming Clerk asked for views on the need for a Monthly Meeting Newsletter. All agreed there is a great need because of the geographic spread of our Meeting members and attenders and because we have some members who are not able to attend Meetings regularly. Elizabeth McGreal will pass this encouragement on to Esther Greenleaf. We'll all try to help with items and suggestions for such a Newsletter.

VII - Joel Hayden was named to represent our Meeting at N.E.Y.M.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with a moment of silence, purposing to meet again July 9, 1972.

Griffin Stabler
Acting Recording Secretary

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
Peterborough, N.H. July 9, 1972

The Monadnock Monthly Meeting for Business was held at Library Hall on July 9, 1972.

I - The Minutes of last Monthly Meeting were read and approved.

II - There was no Treasurer's report.

III - The Clerk, Virginia Towle, read a proposed minute relating to procedure for the appointment of new officers and committees and a suggestion on when they should take office. As things stand now, the Nominating Comittee was appointed in April, reported in May and approved the next Monthly Meeting in June. The officers and Committees take over in September.

There was considerable discussion of this procedure and it was finally agreed that -

The Nominating Committee would be appointed in April, would present its report in May and confirmed in June. The new officers and Committees would begin to function July 1st.

It was noted however, that the budget year should continue to run from September 1st to August 31st.

IV - The subject of a Monthly Meeting Newsletter was discussed. It was agreed that this would be tried on an experimental basis, with the first issue coming out before next Monthly Meeting. It will be sent to members and regular attenders. Members are encouraged to send in items and suggestions.

V - Referring to Minute VII of last Monthly Meeting, Joel Hayden stated he would not be attending New England Yearly Meeting on a continuing basis and therefore will not be able to represent our Monthly Meeting. In this case, Virginia Towle was asked to be our Representative and Stephen Fleischer was asked to be an alternate.

An ad hoc Meeting of members of our Ministry & Council appointed Steve Fleischer to be our representative to the Yearly Meeting Ministry and Council.

VI - other Concerns -

It was suggested we plan special meetings to hear a report on Friends General Conference and on the United Nation Conference on the Environment at Stockholm. Dates for these meetings will be announced later.

The Clerk read a letter from the Peterborough Library thanking the Meeting for the subscription to Friends Journal.

It was also reported that Chris Snell is recuperating satisfactorily from a serious operation.

This Meeting was adjourned after a moment of silence purposing to meet again on August. 13, 1972.

Thelma W. Babbitt
Recording Clerk

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
August 13, 1972

The Monadnock Monthly Meeting for Business was held in Library Hall, Peterborough, following meeting for Worship on August 13, 1972.

Our Clerk, Esther Greenleaf, opened our Meeting by reading a short article by Thomas S. Brown of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting regarding the meaning and spirit of a Friends meeting for Business. This was followed by a few moments of silent meditation.

I- The Minutes of our last meeting were read and approved. The Clerk explained that the Newsletter will be published in September, there being little news of Meeting affairs to pass along to members and attenders.

II- Elizabeth McGreal reported for Ministry and Council. She has sent a letter to the new Committee members suggesting they set a regular date for meeting on the third Thursday of each month. Not all members have responded as yet.

III- The Clerk reported that space may be available upstairs in the Library for First Day School for Children. This will be referred to the Religious Education Committee for their consideration and recommendation. Donald Fleming is the Convenor of this Committee. Edward Webster, a regular attender of our Meeting indicated a willingness to serve on this Committee.

The Clerk announced a series of pamphlets had come to her attention, describing various aspects of the Society of Friends. It was felt that after evaluation of them, we ~~should~~ might order several packets of these pamphlets to have on hand for visitors and others interested in knowing about the philosophy and work of Friends. Elizabeth McGreal, Convenor of Ministry and Council will see that this is done. It was noted that we ought to have a rack to display such pamphlets and it is hoped one of our members might be willing to design and make one.

It was called to our attention that a representative to the Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee had not been appointed. Helen Bliss was asked to do this and accepted.

The meeting adjourned purposing to meet again September 10, 1972.

Thelma W. Babbitt
Recording Clerk

Monadnock Monthly Meeting

Sept. 10, 1972

The Monadnock Monthly Meeting met at Library Hall Peterborough, N. H. on September 10, 1972 following Meeting for Worship.

Our clerk, Esther Greenleaf, opened our meeting with a brief passage from Elizabeth Vining's "Friend of Life." This was followed by a brief period of silence.

I - The Minutes of the August 13 meeting were read and approved except for a small change in wording under one announcement.

II - Robert Greenleaf reported for the outgoing Treasurer, Griffin Stabler, who was not present. The Treasurer's Report for 1971-72 was presented. It was agreed to send to the New England Yearly Meeting Equalization Fund $25 that had been budgeted for that purpose in 1971-72 but not sent.

III - Elizabeth McGreal reported for Ministry and Council that their first meeting would be held Sept. 21

IV Don Fleming, the new convenor for the Religious Education Committee, reported that the new committee planned to hold their first meeting for worship on Sept. 17. All are welcome at this planning session. Don said that the Committee plans to have a program of our own for school age children. Volunteers are welcome to help take care of pre-school children. All should be trying to think of a local room that might be rented for first-day school use.

V - Hulda Brayton reported for the new committee on Peace and Social Concerns. It was agreed to release the Committee members from regular committee duties until after the election in November, since as individuals, they wish to spend their time working for peace in Vietnam thru the McGovern campaign. The Meeting appreciates their concern and efforts in this direction.

The Meeting agreed to send $25 to the World Peace Tax Fund in support of the bill currently before Congress.

The meeting adjourned, purposing to meet again Oct. 8

Joel Hayden, Assistant to the Asst. Recording Clerk

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
October 8, 1972 - Peterborough, N.H.

The Monadnock Monthly Meeting met October 8, 1972 following meeting for Worship in Library Hall.

Our Clerk, Esther Greenleaf, read a quotation from John Woolman. This was followed by a short period of silence. Visitors were welcomed and introduced and the minute describing the purpose of our Meetings for Business was read so that our visitors might better understand how we proceed.

I - The Minutes of our last meeting for Business were read and approved.

II - The Clerk spoke briefly about the Memorial Service for our member Glenn E. Towle, held the preceeding day, Saturday October 7 in the Congregational Church, Rindge, N.H. She spoke warmly and movingly of this memorial service and expressed appreciation to Ministry and Council for their part in making this such a memorable occasion.

The Clerk introduced and welcomed back our member, Kevin Towle who has just returned from having spent the past two years in prison for his refusal to participate in the Draft. She expressed for the Meeting our warm greetings to Kevin and our happiness in having him with us.

III - The Treasurer, Griffin Stabler, reported that the Budget Comittee met on October 3 to prepare a budget for 1972-73. He presented a suggested budget totalling $2000. Considerable discussion followed in which each item was discussed.

General suggestions were made. One was that the total budget should be increased in the light of our increase in membership from 26 to 30 members. It was agreed the total should be $2400. Individual items increased were the amount to N.E.Y.M. to an amount equal to the total given last year, including the original commitment plus a special gift in response to an appeal making a total of $550. Other items were added, after discussion, and a new budget will be prepared and will be included in our minutes at the end. (See P. 364)
The budget, adjusted following discussion was approved.
It was agreed to purchase ten new hymn books from our "Quaker Literature" fund.

It was also suggested that before allocating an amount to the AFSC for specific program needs in New England, we invite someone from the Cambridge AFSC Office to come and speak to us about what is being done this year in the various programs.

IV - The Meeting approved changing the signatures on our Savings Bank and checking accounts from Elizabeth McGreal and Griffin Stabler, to - Esther Greenleaf, Clerk and Ruth Hayden, Treasurer.

V - Elizabeth McGreal reported that Ministry and Council had met on September 21. They recommended that meetings for Worship be closed by the Clerk. In his absence, by the Convenor of Ministry and Council, or in her absence, by a member of Ministry and Council.

A Prayer Group will be planned, led by Paula Fleming. Details will be announced later.

There will be a Creative Listening meeting on October 21 at the home of Don and Paula Fleming, 179 Tanglewood Estates, Keene.

[illegible] - Plans for the Memorial Service for our member, Glenn Towle were worked out by Ministry and Council with the assistance of his mother, Virginia Towle.

It was decided that the Queries would be read each month in rotation by members of Ministry and Council. Each member in turn would decide when to read the Query.

A letter from Adelphi Friends Meeting in Washington was read, transferring the membership of Helen and George Bliss back to our Meeting. Warm gratitude w expressed for the Contribution of the Blisses during their time as members of the Adelphi meeting. We heartily welcome George and Helen back into membership in our Meeting and since they were founding members of this Monadnock Friends Meeting, it was thought appropriate that the whole meeting act as a welcoming Committee to the Blisses. Warm expressions of welcome were heard.

VI - Donald Fleming reported for the Religious Education Committee. They are working with representatives of the Unitarian Sunday School to work out plans for a joint First-day School program. In the meantime interim arrangements have been worked out. There will be a meeting of this group tonight. On October 27 a pot-luck supper is planned for parents of Unitarian and Friends children to get acquainted and to talk about Halloween plans for UNICEF.

VI - Hulda Brayton reported that she had, as an individual written a letter to Mr. McGovern asking clarification of his views on certain issues. She reported on others of her activities in this connection.

They are considering a possible plan for ~~pat~~ prison visitations later in the year, having been stimulated in this direction by the concern of N.E.Y.M. Ministry and Council expressed at their recent meeting.

VII - Clerk's Report - It was announced that Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting will be held at Mt. Toby Meeting Oct. 21-22. Ministry and Council will appoint a representative to attend.

Friends General Conference is planning for a large gathering of Friends at Earlham June 24 to 30 1973 and a larger gathering in 1974. They would appreciate our Meeting appointing a representative to work with them on plans for these gatherings. George Bliss agreed to undertake this responsibility.

It was announced that Friends United Meeting is sponsoring a United Nations Seminar for Young Friends across the country of junior and senior high school age. This would be a worthwhile event for young people and this announcement will be referred to the Meeting School for their information.

Other Concerns - Virginia Towle announced a meeting for Presiding Clerks being arranged by New England Yearly Meeting Executive Council to take place in Hartford on December 2. There will be a series of speakers including Stephen Cary, vice-president of Haverford College.

She also announced a meeting of New England Yearly Meeting Ministry and Council on November 4 at Dover, N.H. Meeting House. Members of ~~[illegible]~~ Monthly Meeting Ministry and Council are encouraged to attend.

The Meeting adjourned with a few moments of silence purposing to meet again November 12, 1972.

Thelma W. Babbitt
Recording Clerk

MONADNOCK MONTHLY MEETING

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

Approved Budget
1972-1973

Income from Contributions	2400.
Expenses:	
New England Yearly Meeting	550.
N.E.Y.M. Equalization Fund	50.
N.E.Y.M. Releasing Young Friends	50.
Friends General Conference	150.
Local Meeting Expenses:	
Friends Journal - Advertising	30.
Peterborough Public Library	170.
Post Office Box - Rental	6.
Friends Literature	45.
Treasurers Expense	4.
Care of Meeting Children	50.
Monadnock Council of Churches	10.
Peace and Social Concerns:	
Friends Committee on National Legislation	150.
Friends World Committee for Consultation	100.
FWCC 1% More Fund	24.
Minute 74 Committee	50.
Minute 60 Committee	50.
The Meeting School Scholarship Fund	100.
American Friends Service Committee - Program	150.
Other Concerns	661.
Total Budget	2400.

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
November 12, 1972

The Monadnock Monthly Meeting for Business was held following Meeting for Worship at Library Hall, Peterborough on Nov. 12, 1972. It was opened by our Clerk reading from Rufus Jones' "Spiritual Energies in Daily Life" followed by a moment of silence.

I - The Minutes of the previous meeting were read. Two corrections were noted - The memorial service for Glen Towle was held at Congregational Meeting House in Rindge. The address listed in the minutes for the Flemings was incorrect. The Minutes were approved.

II Ruth Hayden, Treasurer, gave a report indicating that the balance left over at the end of the fiscal year ~~in amount~~ had been added to the Savings account in Unity Bank and Trust Company, making a balance on hand of $1068.26. The balance in the checking account is $ 313.20. Friends were encouraged to send in their contributions so the Treasurer may begin sending out checks to meet our budgeted obligations.

III - Elizabeth McGreal reported that Ministry and Council had met on the third Thursday in October.

Application for membership has been received from Sally Pearce, who has been attending our meeting for several months. After talking with her at some length about Quaker procedures and testimonies, Ministry and Council recommends her application be accepted. Virginia Towle offered to visit her on behalf of the Meeting. Thelma Babbitt was also asked to accompany Virginia on this welcoming visit.

The first Creative Listening group has been held and was felt to be a rewarding experience for those present. Other meetings will be held and announced at Meeting.

Paula Fleming and Steve Fleischer attended a meeting in Dover, N. H. on "Listening." They reported it to be a growing experience and hope others will be planned.

The matter of changing Quarterly Meeting membership from Connecticut Valley to Northwest Quarter was discussed at length by Ministry and Council. Their recommendation is that this change be made.

A Memorial Minute for Glen Towle, prepared by Steve Fleischer and read at Meeting for Worship, was received with appreciation. This minute will be forwarded by our Clerk to Quarterly Meeting and then to New England Yearly Meeting. The Minute reads as follows -

"Glenn - you lived a full life.
Often your life was cluttered beyond your control
and often you were a prisoner waiting to be

released. And yet you could laugh and lift, play and work, sing and make music; you would fix the broken things of life - and you would dance. You lived in the Spirit of the Dance - the spirit of simplistic joy and love.

"Glenn, you are indeed simple and free."

There was considerable discussion of the proposed meeting with Francis and Pearl Hall, directors of Powell House on "An Experience of Worship." After considering the complications which had arisen in trying to plan the meeting it was decided to defer it until a later date. Elizabeth McGreal will telephone them this afternoon.

A concern was expressed that Ministry and Council should make more effort to visit with those who attend our Meetings for Worship more or less regularly but are not members. We were also reminded that each of us shares a responsibility for welcoming these attenders. Various suggestions were made for making attenders feel more welcome and at home in the Meeting, including occasional home visits.

IV Don Fleming reported for the Religious Education Committee. They will be getting together with the Unitarian Religious Education Committee to discuss a curriculum for the coming year. In the interim period, a general theme of "Celebrations - what are they? what are they for?" ~~will be used~~ why do people celebrate?" will form the basis of First Day School.

V - Hulda Brayton reported for Peace + Social Concerns. Nora Fairbank, a representative of the American Friends Service Committee, will speak on December 3, following Meeting for Worship. She will tell us about current AFSC programs.

Hulda also reported that they plan to visit the prison at Concord, N.H. to see whether there may be needs and activities in connection with the prisoners which may be appropriate for us to consider. She was urged to work with other N.H. Meetings and possibly coördinate any work th is undertaken.

VI - The Clerk then called for further discussion on the recommendation of Ministry and Council that we change our membership from the Connecticut Valley Quarter to Northwest Quarter. It was recalled that this subject has been suggested and considered for the past several years. In that period of time, a good many of our members have attended both Quarterly Meetings. After some further discussion, it was agreed we should begin the process of making this change and our Clerk was asked to get in touch with both Quarterly Meetings and with New England Yearly Meeting to let them know we wish to make this change.

VII - David Foster brought forward his concern that our Meeting know that he and a large number of Friends and others were arrested as a result of ~~th~~ protest demonstration at Westover Air Force Base. This is a staging area for bombers going to Vietnam and other parts of Southeast Asia. He reported that the judge has delayed over and over again setting a date for the trials and that even now a trial date is not known. He hopes that the Meeting will share this concern and express its support during these difficult days.

Janeal Ravndal was asked to write a Minute of Support and bring it to our next meeting.

VIII - Friends were reminded that individual contributions to minute 60 fund be sent directly to Robert Brill, 21 Grant Hill Road, Bloomfield, Connecticut 06002.

The Meeting was adjourned after a few moments of silence purposing to meet again on December 10, 1972.

Thelma W. Babbitt
Recording Clerk

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
December 10, 1972

The Monadnock Monthly Meeting for Business was held in Peterborough Library Hall following Meeting for Worship on December 10, 1972. The Clerk opened the meeting by reading a quotation from the Friends Journal, written by Margaret Brinton

I - The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

II - The Treasurer, Ruth Hayden, gave a report showing a total of Contributions received thus far in this fiscal year of $716.50. Bills and pledges have been paid totalling $546.30 leaving a balance in the check book of $170.20.

III - Elizabeth McQuaid reported for Ministry & Council. Sally Pearce, who had applied for membership in this Monthly Meeting, is moving to California and has withdrawn her application. She would appreciate having a Minute of Introduction to a Meeting in California. The Clerk, Esther Greenleaf was asked to prepare this Minute.

The matter of welcoming and visiting attenders who come regularly and occasional visitors was discussed. It was agreed that it should be made clear to everyone who attends our Meeting that they are very welcome and that if they wish a visit, or have questions they wish to discuss, they should speak to the Clerk or to members of Ministry and Council so arrangements can be made. A caution was raised by one attender that there not be any pressure from the Meeting on seeking to visit in the homes of visitors or attenders unless there is indication this would be welcomed.

There will be refreshments served after Meeting for Worship occasionally to provide an opportunity for socializing.

A change in time for Meeting for Business was considered. It was finally agreed to continue the regular Meetings directly following Meeting for Worship on second Sundays as is presently the case. There may be occasions when subjects requiring lengthy discussion may come up. In such cases, an Adjourned Meeting could be set up for that particular purpose.

A study of Quakerism will be scheduled for each 4th Friday beginning January 26, 1973. The basis for the study and discussion will be Howard Brinton's book "Friends for 300 years," Those wishing to attend may buy a paper-back copy of this book from Ellery McNeal.

IV- Hulda Brenton is ill so there was no report but attention was called to the written memorandum sent out with the Newsletter telling of a visit to the Concord prison by Hulda & Phyllis Schultz. They will be in contact with Annah Tucker to learn what other Friends are doing on prisons in the state. ~~[illegible]~~ Rosa Kerr would like to go with them if they visit the Westmoreland Cheshire County Farm.

V- __Clerk's Report__ - Esther Greenleaf reported on a letter from Finley Perry enquiring about our views with regard to the functions of staff and committees of New England Yearly Meeting. A reply has been drafted and was read. It was approved and will be sent this week. (A copy is attached at the end of these Minutes)

VI- Janeal Ravndal had been asked to prepare a supporting Minute for David Foster in his difficulties ~~[illegible]~~ deriving from a Witness at Westover Air Base (See Minute VII in November Minutes.) The Minute reads as follows:

> We extend our warm support to David Barrow Foster whose stand in joining the peace witness at Westover Air Force Base in Massachusetts Oct. 2, 1972 led to his arrest on a charge of breach of the peace. David was released until his trial but the judge continues to postpone trial. We wish David well now as he must await trial and sentencing.

This Minute was approved with warm appreciation being expressed.

VIII- The Clerk reported receiving an appeal from Chicago Friends Meeting on behalf of Buddhist monks in So. Vietnam, led by Thich Nat Hahn who has visited this country and is known to many Friends. They ask support for their work with refugees. The appeal outlined in detail the shocking situations they are attempting to deal with.

The Meeting was moved by this appeal and asked the Treasurer to send a contribution of $100 to be taken from the "Other Concerns" fund budgeted for such purposes.

IX - Friends Committee on National Legislation asks us to appoint one member of meeting to whom they can send notices and information. Judy Hildebrandt agreed to do this.

X - The ad hoc Committee on Friends Retirement needs has asked whether we will schedule a time following meeting for a question and answer discussion of this subject. It was agreed to do this following meeting in Jan. 73.

XI - The Clerk reported receiving a communication from Elizabeth Coleman, Clerk of Northwest Quarterly Meeting, welcoming us into that Quarter pending release from Connecticut Valley Quarter. A letter from Conn. Valley Quarter says this will be taken up at the next Quarterly Meeting.

XII - Janeal Ravndal reported that 15 members and (including children) attenders from Monadnock Monthly Meeting were present at Northwest Quarterly Meeting in Bennington, Vermont last weekend. There were a number of items on the program of intense interest, including a report on the Quang Ngai project of Friends where rehabilitation is being carried on and artificial limbs are being provided. An interesting discussion of the Friends Peace Witness was arranged. A ~~difficult~~ Minute on Abortion was read and approved. Janeal reported that arrangements both for adults and children were very adequate and comfortable.

XIII - Mention was made of the fact that there are three Meeting Houses in Weare, Unity and Henniker and it was wondered whether attention might be given to seeking out Friends in these areas to see if more use might be made of them.

XIV - It was agreed that the Friends Journal notice should include "First-day School" announcement.

Friends were urged to announce illness or hospitalization of members or attenders so visits might be made.

Steve Fleischer invited everyone to a Christmas party Dec. 17 following meeting.

The meeting adjourned purposing to meet again Jan. 14, 1973.
Eileen Babbitt

MONADOCK MONTHLY MEETING
Box 301 - Peterborough, New Hampshire 03458

10 December 1972

Finley H. Perry, Chairman
Executive Council
New England Yearly Meeting

Dear Friend,

Your letter of October 4 was submitted to the Chairman of each of our Monthly Meeting Committees. The following reply approved by the Monthly Meeting for Business today attempts to answer your three questions.

> 1 - In what ways have you found that Yearly Meeting staff members, the field secretary and the office secretary who are both paid on a part-time basis, and the youth and education secretary have been helpful to your meeting or committee?

The members of our Meeting are divided between a few who participate in Quarterly and Yearly Meeting committees and activities and the majority who do not. The inactive majority believes that the strength of the Quaker experienceresides in concerned attendance and involvement in the Monthly Meeting. They regard theYearly Meeting Staff as very small help, if any. Perhaps this is our fault. Those who are active in Yearly Meeting speak warmly of the staff as persons, but they do not point to evidence of help to the Monthly Meeting.

> 2 - In what ways do you think staff members could have been more helpful?
>
> 3 - What new or different services do you think the Yearly Meeting Staff could provide?

Some of us see in our Yearly Meeting a proliferation of meetings and conferences that would drain energy from our local Meeting if many of us responded. One of our members put it this way: "I would limit the role of staff to being the recipient of news and information from Monthly and Quartly Meetings and Yearly Meeting Committees which could then be shared through a monthly newsletter to all monthly meetings." We see the possibility of some useful staff service to Young Friends; at present we have very few Young Friends. We suggest a direct canvas of Young Friends to answer that question.

Thank you for asking our opinionon these questions. Your inquiry has caused us to do some searching that will benefit us.

Sincerely,

Esther Greenleaf, Clerk

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
January 14, 1973

The Monadnock Monthly Meeting for Business met at Peterborough Library Hall following Meeting for Worship on January 20, 1973.

The Clerk, Esther Greenleaf, opened the Meeting by reading a passage from London Yearly Meeting in 1696. This was followed by a few moments of silent meditation.

I The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

In relation to Minute XII, the report on Quarterly Meeting held in Bennington, the suggestion was made that our Meeting might wish to have a copy of the Minute on Abortion which was presented to Quarterly Meeting. It was thought we might wish to discuss this at some future date.

II The Treasurer's report shows a balance on hand of $87.70. There are a good many budgeted pledges unpaid and it was suggested these might be listed at next Monthly Meeting so we would know where we stand on meeting our commitments.

III The Religious Education Committee reports that First-day School attendance averages between 20 and 25 children, 2/3 of whom are Friends. Instruction duties are shared half and half. The tiny babies and children are watched over by one Unitarian and one from our Meeting. Volunteers willing to share in this responsibility will have an opportunity to sign up on a sheet which will be provided by Ted Webster.

IV The Peace and Social Concerns Committee reports they are planning follow-up visits to other county jails ~~prisons~~. A public meeting is also being considered to acquaint people with conditions in the prisons and the need for prison education and rehabilitation. A panel representing several points of view is being considered. Detailed plans will be presented at next

Monthly Meeting.

A prayer vigil is being planned for January 20, Inauguration Day, in front of the Ware Memorial in Peterborough from 11:30 to 12:30 P.M. The purpose is to pray for an end to the war in Southeast Asia and to mourn the ~~dead on both~~ death of many thousands of people in this war.

* → Insert Minute V (below)

VI The Clerk announced that Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting will act on Feb. 3 and 4 on our request for release from that Quarterly Meeting. Virginia Towle will attend as a representative of our meeting. Ministry and Council at its meeting on Thursday, January 18, will raise the question as to whether to send a representative to Quarterly Meeting Ministry and Council.

(V - Insert above -
Ministry and Council did not meet in December. They will hold a meeting on the third Thursday in January.)

VII The Clerk also announced that the Northwest Quarterly Meeting will be held in Middlebury, Vermont on March 3.

New England Yearly Meeting Finance Committee has asked for financial assistance in the amount of $1000 to assist in sending three representatives to the triennial meeting of Friends World Committee for Consultation to be held next August in Sidney, Australia. Elmer Brown, Robert Lyon and Margaret Wentworth have been chosen as representatives.

Individuals were asked to consider this request for funds and respond as they can to it by sending checks to N.E.Y.M. earmarked for this purpose.

The Clerk read a Minute from the Seattle, Washington Monthly Meeting which called for an immediate end to the war in Southeast Asia by action of the Congress and for the impeachment of the President. The Seattle Meeting expressed the hope that other meetings might take similar action.

A suggestion has been made to change the time for Meeting for Worship during July and August, to 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

The Meeting agreed to this change of time and it will be incorporated in the Friends Journal notice. It was felt we should put a notice on the Board outside the Library that hymn singing precede Meeting for Worship for fifteen minutes. * The notice will read as follows:- * *

Elizabeth McGreal agreed to take care of the details of these changes. (See below for wording)

Ted Webster reported that he attended a meeting in Rutland, Vermont sponsored by AFSC on Land Trusts. This is part of a Community-ownership and Control Project for land use. There will be another meeting in Ashby at Ted Webster's home - if anyone is interested in knowing more about this.

VII - The Clerk, Esther Greenleaf, announced she will be away during February and March. She has suggested that Elizabeth McGreal be asked to act as Clerk during this period. The Meeting agreed that this should be done.

Meeting adjourned with a few moments of silence purposing to meet again February 11th.

Thelma W. Babbitt
Recording Secretary

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Peterborough - Monadnock Meeting. Worship 10:45 a.m (July-Aug. 9:30 a.m.) First-day School same time. Library Hall. Enter off parking lot.

* * We subsequently learned the Friends Journal prefers that the actual name of the Meeting be featured rather than the town so the notice will be so adjusted.

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
February 11, 1973

The Monadnock Monthly Meeting for Business met at Peterborough Library Hall on February 11, 1973.

Elizabeth G. McGreal, acted as Clerk and Griff Stiller as Recording Clerk for the Meeting. The Clerk opened the Meeting by reading a verse from Romans followed by a moment of silence

1 - The Minutes of the Jan. 14 meeting were read and approved.

II - Ruth Hayden gave the Treasurer's Report showing a balance of $78.70 and stated she had a number of deposits to make. She read a current list of budgeted, unpaid items totaling over $1,000.

III - Ted Webster reported for the Religious Education Committee. He reported how the First Day School operates and said things are going very well but are sometimes hectic. Volunteers who are willing to share the responsibility were reminded to see Ted Webster and to be sure to come on Sundays when they have volunteered.

IV - The Ministry and Counsel report was made by Joel Hayden. He reported that an agenda of fourteen items were discussed at a recent meeting of Ministry and Counsel. Two of the more important items were Friends' responsibility to greet visitors to our meetings for Worship and a decision was made to mention the names of members who are ill or in the hospital, following meeting for Worship.

Ministry and Counsel is working on the State of the Meeting report and will have the draft for next Monthly Meeting. Kevin Towle will be speaking following Meeting for Worship on Feb. 18, on his experience in prison as a draft resister.

V - Hulda Brayton reported on Peace and Social Concerns. A visit was made to the Westmoreland County jail and hospital by Phyllis Schultz, Nora Kerr and Hulda Brayton. Hulda reported that the facilities are very crowded but pleasant. Plans for a new jail have been discussed since 1930. The Committee will visit Hillsboro County jail in March.

On April 16 a panel discussion on prisoners will be held at Library Hall at 7:30 P.M. The meeting will be well publicized before hand.

VI - Statistical Report - Joel Hayden gave the Meeting Statistical report and it was approved.

New Business - The Clerk read a letter from Barbara J. Higgins and Douglas E. Bowen, Jr. asking to be married in June under the care of Monadnock Monthly Meeting. A Committee for Clearness was approved: Thelma Babbitt and Paula Fleming to visit Barbara and Don Fleming and Joel Hayden to visit Douglas.

The Meeting agreed to have the Library piano repaired, tuned and humidified at a cost of $50. The cost will be taken from "Other Concerns Fund" as a gesture of our appreciation for the use of the piano.

A report on Quarterly Meeting was given by Phil Towle and David Foster. Among other business, Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting acted favorably upon our request to be transferred to the Northwest Quarter.

Business Meeting was adjourned with a few moments of silence, purposing to meet again on March 11th.

Griffin M. Stabler
Asst. Recording Clerk

MONADNOCK MONTHLY MEETING

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

Treasurers Report for January 1973

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1973		$ 65.20
Contributions deposited		191.00
		256.20
Expenses:		
Friends Book Store - Hymnals	22.50	
Dan Flemming -First Day School	5.00	
N. E. Y. M. - Equalization Friend	50.00	
The Meeting School - budget	100.00	177.50
Balance January 31, 1973		$ 78.70

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
March 11, 1973

The Monadnock Monthly Meeting for Business was held in Peterborough Library Hall on March 11, 1973 following Meeting for Worship.

Elizabeth J. McGreal, Acting Clerk, opened the meeting by reading from Faith and Practice, followed by a few moments of silence.

I - The Minutes of the February Meeting were read and approved.

II - The Treasurer's report was presented. It shows a balance on hand of $33.40 after paying budgeted items totalling $330.30. Friends were reminded to send their contributions to the Treasurer as soon as convenient. (See attached report.)

III - Peace and Social Concerns Committee, reported by Hulda Brayton, that plans are well in hand for the Prison panel meeting to be held on April 16 at 7:30 in Library Hall. They plan to visit the Hillsboro County prison this coming week.

The Clerk announced that as a result of Kevin Towle's report on the sad state of the Boscawen prison library, she had taken this concern up with the State Library Association. They will see to it that the library at Boscawen prison will be up-graded - as well as all other New Hampshire prison libraries.

IV - Paula Fleming reported for Ministry and Council. A draft on the "State of our Meeting" was read and discussed. A suggestion was made that we consider holding a special meeting next year, prior to Ministry and Council drafting this annual report, so that all members of the Meeting may have an opportunity to consider and contribute their thinking to this report.

After other suggestions, Ministry and Council was asked to re-draft the report taking into account the discussion comments, and send the report to Yearly Meeting.

V - Don Fleming reported for the Committee for Clearness on the marriage of Barbara Higgins and Douglas Bowen, as follows:

On Sunday, March 4, 1973, the undersigned interviewed Douglas Bowen and Barbara Higgins for the purpose of offering guidance and counsel and making inquiry as to qualifications for marriage, including clearness from other engagements. To the best of our knowledge and belief, there is nothing to interfere with the permanence and happiness of this marriage -

Thelma Babbitt
Paula Fleming
Donald Fleming
Joel Hayden

The Meeting approved this report and the following Committee on Oversight was appointed by the Clerk, with the cooperation of Doug Bowen and Barbara Higgins:

Thelma Babbitt
George and Helen Bliss
Donald Fleming
Robert and Esther Greenleaf

It was suggested to Doug and Barbara that they write to Bob and Esther Greenleaf to keep them informed of their plans, pending the Greenleafs' return to Peterborough.

VI - Ted Webster reported for the Religious Education Committee There will be a joint meeting with the Unitarian Church to discuss plans for an Easter Breakfast on April 22 between 8 and 10 A.M. This will be followed by an Easter Egg hunt in Putnam Park between 9:45 and 10:15 a.m. All adults and children of Monadnock Meeting are invited to participate. There will be a Potluck supper at the Unitarian Church on April 13 at 6 P.M. Friends are invited to come to this supper and to get in touch with the Flemings about what kind of food to bring if they do attend. After supper Philip Towle and Laban Macimba will talk on Africa.

VII - Steve Fleischer reported on Northeast Quarterly Meeting held last Saturday in Middlebury, Vermont. There was considerable discussion of Prison Reform. There is a Comunity Center in Windsor. It is a place for prisoners to come for fellowship and recreation. They help find places for prisoners' families to stay, they give rides to the prison and visit those who have no family or other visitors.

Monadnock Monthly Meeting was officially accepted as a member of the Northeast Quarterly Meeting.

The Clerk read a letter from librarian Katherine Taylor, thanking the meeting for repairing and tuning the piano.

She also announced a new booklet published by Friends General Conference entitled "Friends and the Ecumenical Movement."

There will be a Friends Witness for Peace in Boston on April 20, Good Friday. Anyone wishing to participate in this witness should get in touch with Elizabeth McGreal for details.

It was announced there will be a Workshop on Religious Education the weekend of April 6 + 7, probably at Wellesley, Mass. Further details are available from Don and Paula Fleming.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with a moment of silence, purposing to meet again on April 8, 1973.

Thelma W. Babbitt,
Recording Clerk

MONADNOCK MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS
TREASURER'S REPORT March 11, 1973

Balance as of January 31, 1973	$ 73.70
Contributions:	335.00
Expenses:	
Friends Journal--ad	6.50
Peterborough Town Library--rent	49.00
New England Yearly Meeting--Releasing Young Friends	50.00
New England Yearly Meeting---budget	150.00
Peterborough Town Library--gift for repair of piano	50.00
Friends World Committee for Consultation--budget	25.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	330.30
Cash on hand:	33.40

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
April 8, 1973

The Monthly Meeting for Business of the Monadnock Monthly Meeting was held, following Meeting for Worship, in Peterborough Library Hall on April 8, 1973.

The Acting Clerk, Elizabeth McGreal, opened our Business Meeting by reading an inspiring passage relating to the spirit of Friends Meetings for Business from London Yearly Meeting. This was followed by a few moments of meditation.

I The Minutes of the previous meeting were read. There were two corrections: The Librarians name is Kathleen Taylor and the Minute IV relating to Ministry and Council draft of the report on the state of our meeting was to have been re-drafted and brought back to this Meeting for Business rather than being sent on to the Yearly Meeting.

With these two corrections, the Minutes were approved.

II - The Treasurer's report shows a balance of $21.45, Many of our budgeted items are paid but there are still a number of obligations outstanding. It was suggested the Treasurer prepare a detailed statement for next Business Meeting showing budgeted commitments paid and those outstanding, together with a statement of our savings bank balance.

The ~~Minutes~~ report of the Treasurer was approved.

III - There was no report from Peace and Social concerns Committee. It will be given at our next Meeting.

IV - Ministry and Council have re-drafted a report on the State of our Meeting. It was read and approved.

Our regular attenders, Heidi and Leslie Zacharias have applied for membership in Monadnock Monthly Meeting. Their letter was read by the Acting Clerk. Joel and Ruth Hayden have talked with the Zachariases and reported their visit was most pleasant and fruitful. The Meeting appointed Paula and Don Fleming to visit with the Zachariases and report back to our next Monthly Meeting. We look forward to welcoming these friends into our Meeting.

It was announced that at our next scheduled discussion meeting on the fourth Friday evening of April, the 27th Daisy Newman and a British Friend, Colin Fawcett will be with us. The regular discussion of chapter 7 + 8 of Howard Brinton's "Friends for 300 years" will follow after we hear from these Friends.

A Nominating Committee has been appointed to report a slate of officers for the coming year at our May Meeting for Business. They are -
Thelma Babbitt, Convenor
Jameal Ravndal
Donald Fleming

Thelma Babbitt, Convenor of the Comittee on Oversight for the marriage of Douglas Bowen and Barbara Higgins reported on a first meeting with them.

They have both read about Friends meetings for Worship for Marriage and are impressed with the procedure. Both Doug and Barbara have attended Monadnock Meeting over a period of a good many months. They have not joined our Meeting because they are not sure where they will be living but they do feel in harmony with Friends philosophy and are pleased that the Meeting is willing to undertake oversight of their marriage. They understand that those who are members of our Meeting and regular attenders will be coming to the Meeting for Marriage.

They wish to be married on Saturday morning, June 16. The hour has not yet been set. They would like to be married at the home of Thelma Babbitt on Prospect Hill in Hancock, N.H. They hope the weather will permit the Meeting to be held out of doors but will be prepared to hold it indoors if necessary. They will send invitations to their immediate families and will enclose a copy of our small green booklet describing a Quaker Meeting with each invitation

The Clerk, Esther Greenleaf, has written to both parents indicating our willingness to undertake oversight of their marriage. Esther Greenleaf has agreed to prepare the Marriage Scroll or Certificate. Doug and Barbara have talked with the Town Clerk about the necessary legal requirements for marriage. Thelma Babbitt has written to their parents telling them of the

Committee of Oversight.

Inasmuch as George and Helen Bliss, who were appointed to the Committee on Oversight, will not be available for meetings with Don and Barbara and in fact, will not be present at the Meeting for Marriage, it was felt necessary to appoint others in their place. They have therefore withdrawn and Joel and Ruth Hayden will be pleased to serve on the Committee on Oversight.

The Meeting approved these various reports of Ministry and Counsel

V - Ted Webster reported for the Religious Education Committee. He told us that there have been problems of discipline in First Day School at the Unitarian Church. They seem to be caused by young people coming into the building and being somewhat disruptive, so often little time is left for the serious input which has been planned. They are seeking ways of dealing constructively with this situation.

There is need for volunteers to work with pre-school children. Several have signed up for the next few Sundays.

Ted Webster reported that he attended a Workshop on Religious Education at Wellesley Meeting. He found the opportunity for discussing problems and ideas a very fruitful one.

He raised the question of children attending the Meeting for Marriage on June 16. It would seem that they would of course be welcomed, with their parents, if the parents wish them to come. It would not be appropriate, it was felt, to have the children attend for only a part of the meeting. Those who come should be prepared to stay thru the whole meeting.

This report was approved.

VI - Other concerns -
Steve Fleischer & Virginia Towle reported on attending a weekend Conference on a "Deepening Spiritual Pilgrimage." arranged by Yearly Meeting Ministry and Counsel.

They both felt it was a truly deep and worthwhile searching for everyone concerned, altho there were some difficult moments at the beginning.

Ted Webster reported that Randy Brown, ~~he~~ wished there might be more opportunities for discussion among Friends. It was suggested this might be done on an informal basis, perhaps based on a book which had been found stimulating.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned, purposing to meet again on May 13, 1973

Thelma W. Babbitt -
Recording Clerk

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
May 13, 1973

Monadnock Monthly Meeting for Business was held on Sunday, May 13, 1973 following Meeting for Worship in Peterborough Library Hall.

The Acting Clerk, Elizabeth McGreal opened the meeting with a few moments of silence.

I. The Minutes of last Monthly Meeting were read and approved.

II- The Treasurer, Ruth Hayden, presented a written report of expenditures compared with the amounts budgeted. It showed a total budget of $2400 with $1536.05 already spent. The balance on hand in the checking account as of this date is $191.15. Of this amount $160 must be paid to Yearly Meeting before May 31st. The balance in the Savings Bank is $1068.26. (See attached list.)

The Treasurer read a letter from the Peterborough Library thanking us for the subscription to Friends Journal.

III- Donald Fleming reported that he and Paula had had a visit from Heidi and Leslie Zacharias regarding their becoming members of Monadnock Monthly Meeting. They talked at length with them about Friends and discovered the Zachariases had read and thought a great deal about Friends for a long time, in addition to attending Meeting regularly for some months. The Flemings therefore warmly recommend they be accepted into membership.

This recommendation was approved and the Clerk was asked to write a letter to the Zachariases welcoming them into membership.

III- Don Fleming reported for the Nominating Committee as follows:

Clerk - The Nom. Committee was unable to find a Clerk.
Recording Clerk - Heidi Zacharias
Asst. Recording Clerk Thelma Babbitt
Treasurer - Donald Fleming

Ministry and Council - Elizabeth McGreal, Convenor
Jomeal Rayndal
Paula Fleming
Lois Stabler

Esther Greenleaf
Charles Hildebrandt
Robert Schultz

Religious Education - Ted Webster, Convenor
Randy Brown
Judy Hildebrandt
Steve Fleischer

Peace and Social Concerns - Hulda Brayton, Convenor
Phyllis Schultz
Nora Kerr
Bonnie Sigel

Finance Committee - Donald Fleming, Convenor
Robert Greenleaf
Thelma Babbitt

Yearly Meeting Committee Representatives:
Nominating Committee - Virginia Towle
Finance Committee - Phil Towle
Ministry and Council - Steve Fleischer

The Meeting asked the Nominating Committee to continue until the present Clerk, Esther Greenleaf, returns June 1st. Don Fleming said he could not continue. Thelma Babbitt agreed to continue and the Acting Clerk will get in touch with Jomal Ravndal to ask that she continue to serve until next Monthly Meeting.

With this arrangement, the Nominating Committee report was accepted.

Joel Hayden announced he will be leaving this area and therefore must resign as keeper of the archives record book. Paula Fleming offered to take up this responsibility. The Meeting approved with thanks to Paula.

Religious Education Committee report - Don Fleming reported that Ted Webster had participated in a meeting on Sunday School plans for next year with the Unitarians. He suggests our new Religious Education Committee meet within the next two weeks to decide whether we should continue the same arrangement for next year or whether we should have our own separate First Day

School. Ted Webster asked for reactions of the Meeting to the present arrangements. Several expressions of approval were heard and it was reported that the Unitarians are very happy with the arrangement. Don Fleming will convene the Committee within the next two weeks and a Report will be made at next Monthly Meeting. The report was approved.

Peace and Social Concerns Committee - Nora Kerr reported she and Hulda Brayton attended a planning session in Concord for a vigil to be held last Saturday. A New England Prisoners Association has been established to keep in touch with and informed about the conditions in New England prisons. Our Peace and Social Concerns Committee intends to keep in touch with this organization. They are in need of money for postage and miscellaneous expenses and it was recommended that our Meeting give a token contribution to this work.

It was suggested we give $25 for this purpose and the Treasurer was instructed to send this amount to the New England Prisoners Association. It will be taken from our budgeted item "Other Concerns."

This report was approved.

Ministry and Council - Elizabeth McGreal reported that a Meeting for Worship in memory of ~~for~~ our member David Foster will be held May 27th in Peterborough Library Hall at our usual time for Worship. David Foster died suddenly two weeks ago. A memorial service was held at the Ridgwood N.J. Friends Meeting last week. Janeal Ravndal and two cars full of Meeting School friends attended the memorial service in New Jersey. David's parents have been invited to come to our Memorial Service on May 27 and they expect to be here.

It was suggested refreshments be served after Meeting that day. Doug Bowen and Steve Fleisher will be in charge and several members agreed to bring cookies.

The regular meeting on Ministry and Council will not be held this month. The Study Group will meet on Friday May 25 to finish the discussion of Friends for 300 years - last two chapters.

Other Concerns - Don Fleming announced the last Unitarian Sunday School session will be held on June 3 He is asking that we be given a key so we may use the facilities thru the summer.

The Unitarian Lyceum list of speakers will be left on the table.

Northwest Quarterly Meeting will be held June 2 + 3 at Farm and Wilderness Camps in Plymouth, Vermont.

Doug Bowen reported that plans for the meeting for marriage for him and Barbara Higgins have been completed at a meeting with the Oversight Committee on May 4th at the home of Joel and Ruth Hayden. The meeting will be held at 10.30 a. m. Saturday June 16 at the home of Thelma Babbitt, Prospect Hill, Hancock. A reception will be held from 1 to 4 P. M. at the Vestry of the Hancock Church. Friends are cordially invited to join in this happy event.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned purposing to meet again June 10, 1973.

Thelma W. Babbitt
Recording Clerk

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
May 13, 1973

AMOUNT BUDGETED		AMOUNT SPENT
New England Yearly Meeting	550.00	390.00
NEYM Equalization Fund	50.00	50.00
NEYM Releasing Young Friends	50.00	50.00
Friends General Conference	150.00	150.00
Friends Journal	50.00	12.60
Peterborough Town Library	170.00	33.00
P.O. Box rental	6.00	
Friends literature	45.00	37.50
Treasurer's expense	4.00	4.00
Care of Meeting children	50.00	11.95
Monadnock Council of Churches	10.00	10.00
Friends Comm. on Nat'l Legislation	150.00	150.00
Friends World Committee	100.00	50.00
FWCC 1% More	24.00	24.00
Minute 74 Committee	50.00	50.00
Minute 60 Committee	50.00	50.00
Meeting School scholarship fund	100.00	100.00
American Friends Service Comm	150.00	150.00
Other concerns	661.00	160.00
Total budget:	2400.00	Total spent: 159[illegible]

Savings Bank $1068.26 ~~[illegible]~~

~~[illegible]~~

Cash on hand $191.15

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
June 10, 1973

The Monadnock Monthly Meeting for Business was held on June 10, 1973 in Peterborough Library Hall following Meeting for Worship.

Our Clerk, Esther Greenleaf, opened the Meeting with a few moments of silence.

I - The minutes of last Monthly Meeting were read and approved.

II - Ruth Hayden gave a Treasurer's Report showing Cash on Hand of $76.60. She reported that all budgeted items of pledges have been paid. The only things outstanding are current expenses for rent, Friends Journal ad, Post Office Box etc.

It was brought to our attention that our membership in the Northwest Quarterly Meeting will entail an assessment for each adult member of $7. The Clerk was asked to write to the Quarterly Meeting to ascertain our commitments. The Clerk will then pass this information on to the Finance Committee for consideration as they prepare next year's budget.

The Treasurer's Report was approved.

III - Religious Education Committee - No Report

IV - Peace + Social Concerns Committee - No report except that plans are being made for continuing work with prisons in September.

V - Clerk's Report - It was noted that the Nominating Committee was unable to find a Clerk for next year. Our present Clerk is unable to continue because of health problems. She recommended that the Business Meeting appoint Janeal Ravndal and Elizabeth McGreal to act as co-clerks pro tem until September Monthly Meeting. In the meantime, Ministry and Council will endeavor to find a Clerk.

This procedure was approved.

Material describing the work being done at the Quaker program in Quang Ngai, South Vietnam, was shared with the meeting. They need funds to enable them to carry on an expanded relief program. After some discussion, it was agreed to ask the Treasurer to send a contribution of $25 to the American Friends Service Committee, earmarked for this project. This will be taken from the "Other Concerns" Fund.

Revisions of Faith and Practice of N.E. Yearly Meeting were distributed. More copies are available if needed.

The matter of Amnesty for Conscientious Objectors to the war was brought up. A number of organizations are working on this, including Clergy and Laymen Concerned and the Fellowship of Reconciliation. The Clerk will turn this material over to our Peace & Social Concerns Committee for their consideration and recommendations.

VI - Northwest Quarterly Meeting - Virginia Towle reported that she had attended this meeting. The Flemings and Websters were also present from our meeting.

Steve Angel spoke about the issue of War Tax Avoidance. Plans have been developed whereby Friends may re-order their lives in such a way as to avoid paying taxes for war and other issues which violate conscience.

Amnesty was also discussed at length. It was pointed out that this has always taken considerable time to bring about following a war but work is needed to move toward that end.

Dates for Quarterly Meeting were given as follows:
Sept. 8 & 9 - Plymouth, Vt. Hanover Friends in charge.
Dec. 1 & 2 - Bennington, Vt.
March 2 - Burlington, Vt.
June 1 & 2 - Plymouth, Vt.

The Northwest Quarterly Meeting has asked the Permanent Board of New England Yearly Meeting to approve appointments to Yearly Meeting Committees from the Quarterly meetings instead of from individual Monthly Meetings as is the case now.

Other Concerns -

VII - Virginia Towle said she had not been asked before being appointed to serve as our representative on the Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee. She is unwilling to undertake this responsibility and asks to be removed from that appointment.

VIII - It was announced by Virginia Towle that David Martin has been released by Hanover Friends to work with the New England Prisoners' Association for six months

It is suggested that the Clerk write letters to the following newspapers indicating the change in time for Meeting for Worship during July and August, to 9:30 A. M. -

Peterborough Transcript
Monadnock Ledger
Hillsboro Messenger
Keene Sentinel
Keene Shopper News

Representatives to N. E. Yearly Meeting - There being no volunteers present to undertake this responsibility, the Clerk was asked to see whether Steve Fleischer might be willing to do this.

The feeling was expressed by Judy Hildebrandt that we ought to resume a Newsletter.

This being the last Business Meeting for Joel and Ruthie Hayden, they expressed a desire to have a letter of introduction to take with them when they go to Springvale, Maine to take up responsibilities at Nasson College. There were warm good wishes expressed as these dear Friends move on to a new area. They will be greatly missed. The Clerk will write this letter.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned, purposing to meet again on July 8, 1973.

Thelma W. Babbitt
Recording Clerk

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
Called Meeting - July 22, 1973

Our acting clerk, Elizabeth McCreal, opened the Meeting for Business called to decide upon a summer Business Meeting schedule.

I. It was determined not to hold a Meeting for Business in August as many members will not be present.

II. It was pointed out that the Monthly Meeting for Business in September will conflict with the Northwest Quarterly Meeting. In order to avoid a conflict, it was suggested that the September Meeting for Business take place on the third Sunday of that month. Several members felt it would be wise to change the dates of Business Meetings so as to avoid future time conflicts with Northwest Quarterly Meeting. The clerks pro tem will examine the calendar and make recommendations concerning a new time for Business Meetings. All present feel the importance of a pattern and were favourably disposed towards permanently changing the Monthly Meeting for Business to the third Sunday of the month.

III. Judy Hildebrandt suggested that letters or postcards be sent to members, notifying them of the changed time of the September Business Meeting

IV. Yearly Meeting Representatives - Steve Fleischer has been asked whether he would represent us. As George Bliss will be attending, it was suggested that he might represent us.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned, purposing to meet again on September 16, 1973.

Heidi Koring Zacharias
Recording Clerk.

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
Called Meeting, August 19, 1973

Our acting clerk, Elizabeth McGreal, opened the Meeting called to discuss special materials for Young Friends to be used in First Day School in conjunction with the Unitarian Church Sunday School program.

I. Ted Webster of the Religious Education Committee passed around materials kits and explained the program which accompanies them. The first kit, "Human Heritage", would be used with older children; the little ones would use a kit called "Hello People". The kits contain books, filmstrips and a teacher's manual. The kits would cost about $100.00. This cost would include a teacher's workshop. Ted pointed out that these kits would provide ready-made materials, helping less experienced volunteer teachers gain confidence in the classroom, thus giving the impetus for more people to teach. Some other members of the Meeting with teaching experience have examined the kits & found them pedagogically sound. The Unitarian Religious Education Committee is quite enthusiastic about them. Ted further pointed out that we would need two volunteers each Sunday to help with the Sunday School program.

II. After the members had examined the kits, the following objections were voiced: 1) Although cost is certainly not felt to be of first importance, the price of the kits seems to be high; 2) the kits seem to lack spiritual experiences, 3) It was felt by many that we should have more specifically Quaker materials; 4) the material in the kits is similar to school material.

III. It was suggested that the parents of our children should have a say in the choosing of materials. It was pointed out that many children do not attend

Meeting or Sunday School. The parents of these young people and the young people themselves should be contacted by the Religious Education Committee. Virginia Towle offered to write for Friends' United Meeting and Friends' General Conference materials for the Religious Education Committee to study.

After a discussion concerning the problems of having a joint program with the Unitarian Church, the Meeting decided to take no definite action concerning the "Human Heritage" kits and adjourned, purposing to meet again on September 16, 1973

Heidi König Zacharias
Recording Clerk

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
September 16, 1973

Monadnock Monthly Meeting for Business was held on Sunday, September 16, 1973 following Meeting for Worship in Peterborough Library Hall. The Co-clerk, Janet Ramsdell, opened the Meeting with a few moments of worship.

I. The Minutes of the last Monthly Business Meeting and the called Meeting of August 19 were read and approved.

II. Ted [illegible], convenor of the Religious Education Committee, reported that the Unitarian Church will be using ~~grades~~ the Human Heritage series for Sunday School grades 4-6. The Unitarian Religious Education Committee would like to utilize Quaker materials for the primary and pre-school classes. A joint meeting of the Unitarians' & Friends' Religious Education Committees will be held September 27th to discuss materials and make program plans. Ted introduced Dick Perry, the Unitarian Religious Education Committee chairman, who expressed the following concerns: 1) ~~2~~ The Unitarians would like to integrate more Quaker material into the Sunday School program.
2) They feel the need for a more spiritually-oriented program.
3) They hope to see more adult group participation between the Unitarian Church and our Meeting.
4. The Meeting could help the Unitarians to develop a high school program.
Ted said that a pre-school volunteer sign-up sheet will be available at Meeting.

The use of "Human Heritage" was approved. Funds will be allocated for this.

III. Treasurer's Report. Don Flemming distributed copies of the proposed budget, which is attached below. It was approved as written.

IV. Ministry & Counsel met at 10 AM before Meeting for Worship the first Sunday in September. Elizabeth Mitchell, convenor, reported. They have decided to continue meeting at 10AM on first Sundays.

Elizabeth noted that the wedding of Barbara [illegible] & [illegible] Brown under the care of the Meeting took place in June.

Responsibility had been laid upon Ministry of Worship & Counsel to [illegible] concerning clerkship. It was decided that [illegible]

Treasurer's Report and Proposed Budget for 1973-74

Cash on hand 9/1/72		
Unity Bank and Trust		882.45
Keene National Bank		243.17
		1125.62
Income		
Interest earned-Unity Bank		38.44
Contributions		2202.50
		3366.56
Disbursements		1958.00
Cash on hand 9/1/73		1408.56
Unity Bank and Trust	1389.06	
Keene NationalBank	19.55	
	1408.61*	

* unlocated overage .05

Disbursements 9/1/72-8/31/73		budget	actual	proposed
New England Yearly Meeting		$550.00	$550.00	$550.00
Northwest Quarterly Meeting		-0-	-0-	140.00
NEYM Equalization Fund		50.00	75.00	50.00
NEYM Releasing Young Friends		50.00	50.00	50.00
Friends General Conference		150.00	150.00	150.00
Friends Journal-advertising		30.00	24.20	30.00
Library-rent		170.00	166.00	170.00
P.O. Box rent		6.00	5.80	6.00
Friends literature		45.00	37.50	45.00
Treasurer's expense		4.00	4.00	10.00
Religious Education		50.00	11.95	50.00
Monadnock Council of Churches		10.00	10.00	10.00
FCNL		150.00	150.00	150.00
FWC		100.00	100.00	100.00
FWC 1% more		24.00	24.00	21.50
Minute 74		50.00	50.00	50.00
Minute 60		50.00	50.00	50.00
The Meeting School		100.00	100.00	100.00
AFSC		150.00	150.00	150.00
Other Concerns		661.00	249.55	267.50
World Peace Tax Fund	25.00			
Peterboro Hist Soc.	10.00			
School for Youth for SS	100.00			
Peterboro Lib.-piano	50.00			
N.E. Prisoner's Assn.	25.00			
Hulda Brayton-prison pan.	14.55			
AFSC Quang Ngai	25.00			
Contributions		2400.00	2202.50	2150.00

and Elizabeth McDonnell should continue to serve as co-clerks.

Joseph read the following memorial minute for David Foster. It was approved. Copies will be sent to Quarterly Meeting & to David's parents:

At Meeting for Worship on May , 1988, the Moorestown Monthly Meeting of the Society of Friends met in a memorial meeting for David Bruce Foster.

David's friends from the Meeting School where he had graduated the year before walked silently to the meeting room and sang to the Meeting which showed the gifts David gave us: love, courage, humor, strength of conviction, the way his challenge had been [illegible] and the importance of opportunity and being connected to others, especially across the generations. David's parents, Jack & Nancy Foster, came from Ridgewood New Jersey to share in the Meeting.

We remember David [illegible] talking up from Hampshire College to share new initiatives and ideas and songs with us in Meeting for Worship & ~~[illegible]~~ Meeting. David's spiritual journey, like his travels ~~[illegible]~~ the country, was bold and important to him, and he took his membership with us seriously, inspiring and challenging us as he shared his growth and insight and their translation into action.

We remember David with love and deep appreciation as a talented, witty, sensitive and caring person willing to follow his convictions, not letting the seeming insignificance of one act or the [illegible] appear foolish to others deter him, but ready to look [illegible] and let his life speak.

V. Hilda Brayton, Convenor of Peace & Social Concerns Committee, reported that David [illegible], Unitarian Church Minister, has initiated a [illegible] study of the penal system. Hilda will be attending a meeting continuing this on [illegible], Sept. 18, 21st & 29.

VI. Betty [illegible] was asked to report on the September [illegible] Quarterly Meeting which focused on issues of prison reform. The Meeting was [illegible] [illegible] important session [illegible] [illegible]. She especially praised David [illegible], who spoke at that Meeting. It was recommended that Peace &

Social Concerns contact him to see if he could speak in Fellowship.

2. The possibility of re-instituting a [illegible] was discussed. It was suggested that Betty [illegible] should be asked if she would like to be in charge of this.

3. Special [illegible] notice of the Peace [illegible] [illegible] this year. It was decided that members of the [illegible] [illegible] will [illegible] a meeting time & place.

4. The possibility of holding a study group was discussed. Ministry & Counsel will [illegible] list of [illegible], topics & reading material for this group.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned, proposing to meet again on [illegible].

[illegible]
Recording Clerk

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
October 14, 1973

The October Monadnock Monthly Meeting for Business was held Sunday, October 14, 1973 following Meeting for Worship in the Peterborough Library Hall. Janeal Ravndahl, co-clerk, opened the meeting with a few moments of worship.

I. The minutes of the September Business Meeting were read. Corrections were made, & the corrected minutes were approved.

II. Ministry & Council met on October 7 before Meeting. A Fellowship Evening for Meeting members & attenders, parents and children, with refreshments & socializing is planned for Friday, November 16, 7^{30} at Library Hall.

The Health Care Proposal which was a part of the recent Friends' Committee on National Legislation was discussed. The conclusion: that this should be taken up by a small committee of concerned people, not by Ministry & Council.

The Study Group was also discussed and many ideas were entertained. The most viable, at the moment, is that the people with the time & the inclination should get together as a group, decide on the book to be studied, the frequency of meetings, & carry on at each others' houses.

The request of Rebecca Carey for her wedding under the care of the Meeting was referred to her Meeting at Princeton as a first step.

Other activities to be encouraged by Ministry & Council during the year were talked about, then Virginia Towle spoke of specific concerns of the New England Yearly Meeting with relation to Ministry & Council. The evening of October 26 has been tentatively set aside for further discussion with participation of as many of the membership as possible, 7^{30}, Library Hall.

III. Thelma Babbitt stressed the importance of our becoming familiar with the model health care program presented at the Friends' Committee on National Legislation Meeting which took place at Lake Winnipesaukee. FCNL would like suggestions or remarks concerning the program. After some discussion, it was decided that the newsletter could print a capsulized version of the health care program model. Sue Webster will study the material, summarize it and give it to Virginia Towle & Judy Hildebrandt for inclusion in the newsletter. An evening gathering to discuss this material could be planned.

IV. A committee of Clearness for the marriage of Becky Carey and William Charles Groth, Jr at Christmas consisting of Philip and Virginia Towle and Thomas and Julie Snell was appointed.

V. Janeal Ravndahl reported that the Prayer Group will be Meeting Tuesday at 9:00/pm. at the Towle's. Time and frequency of meetings will be decided then.

VI. Don Flemming, treasurer, reported that the Meeting had $19.55 on hand on September 1. $340.00/ in contribution were given, raising the total cash on hand to $359.55/ as of October 13.

VII. New England Yearly Meeting representative, Virginia Towle, spoke briefly about the last Yearly Meeting. Of special interest were the Minutes on Amnesty & Prisons & Justice and the financial commitment to support Quaker schools. Thelma Babbitt suggested that the members of the meeting inform themselves about the Prison Minute #61. Virginia mentioned that it would be very worthwhile for the Meeting to ask a group to come & tell us about their experiences at the Conference in Australia. The next Yearly Meeting will take place at Geneva Point at the end of July.

VIII. Ted Webster, convenor of the Religious Education Committee, reported that a meeting will be held October 21 at the Unitarian Church to discuss materials for the younger children. Volunteers for the pre-school children are still needed.

IX. Peace & Social Concerns is co-sponsoring a special program October 28 at 7 pm in the Unitarian Church. David Martin will speak on prisons & prison reform. There will be a social hour with David Martin after Meeting October 28.

There being no further business, the business, the Meeting was adjourned after a brief period of silent worship purposing to meet again on November 11, 1973

Heidi Koring Zacharias
Recording Clerk

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
Nov 11, 1973

The November Meeting for Business of the Monadnock Monthly Meeting was held Sunday, November 11, 1973, following Meeting for Worship in the Peterborough Library Hall. Elizabeth McGreal, co-clerk, opened the meeting by reading from A Passion for the Truth by Rabbi Heschel.

I. Don Flemming, treasurer, reported that the Meeting had $19.50 on hand November 3, contributions were received to the sum of $600.35. This report was approved. Don was reported that the Yearly Meeting would like our contribution raised 10%. It was decided that the Meeting will postpone the consideration of this.

II. Hulda Brayton, convenor of Peace & Social Concerns, reported that David Martin's talk on prisons was well received. As a result of this talk, a study group on prisons comprised of members of the Meeting and of the Unitarian Church was begun. She suggested that the Meeting spend $25.00 for a sustaining membership in the New England Prisoner's Association. It was decided that a decision on this will be made at the December Meeting for Business.

III. Ministry & Council met November 4, 1973 before Meeting for Worship. The address list, prepared by the Recording Clerk, was commended. A new draft, dividing the names into three categories -- Members, Attenders & Visitors -- is ready to be checked before the final typing.

Plans for the forthcoming Friendship Evening, Friday, November 16, were made. Two future friendly Meetings were discussed, one in December, another in January.

Rebecca Cary and William Booth were introduced to Ministry & Council. Following Meeting for Worship, the letter of Clearness relating to their marriage on December 29 was read.

The tension that sometimes prevails at Meeting for Business was spoken of frankly. It is the hope of Ministry & Council that the forthrightness and good will in Meetings for Business may be, in the words of the Third Query, "times of spiritual search & prayerful search for the way of truth."

IV. Religious Education Committee convenor, Ted Webster, wrote the following report to be read at Business Meeting & printed in the newsletter.

The concern for the religious growth of the children of our meeting has been expressed primarily through the efforts of several parents, namely Judy Hildebrandt, Randy Brown and Ted Webster who have been working with and using the facilities of the Peterborough Unitarian Church. Grades 4,5,6 & 7 have been grouped in the Human Heritage Curriculum (HHC) which is being taught by Harry Eaton (from the Unitarian Group) and Judy; Paula Fleming has also volunteered to help out on this. Attendance in this class averages 7-10 of whom 7 are from our meeting (the Fleming, Hildebrandt & Webster children).

For the younger primary kids we have just agreed to begin a unit published by Friends General Conference called Jesus, Teacher & Friend & have ordered the material in preparation for beginning just after Thanksgiving. Lois Daly, from the Unitarian group, Ted and Randy are working with this group. Attendance has ranged from 3 to 8 in this class which includes Lisa Brown and Mark Hildebrandt from our Meeting. The FGC unit really looks engrossing and valuable, and we hope more kids will become involved on a regular basis when we get going on it.

Susan Perry, who chairs the R.E. committee of the Unitarian Church, has been working regularly with the pre-school group with any help she can get. The number of pre-schoolers ranges from 3 to 10.

The support of additional Friends would be most encouraging; this could take either any of the following forms:

- sign up to help out with pre-schoolers any Sunday throughout the year; no preparation needed (although some special activity would be welcome).
- ask to look over either Human Heritage or Jesus, Teacher & Friend materials to learn more about what we are doing, and to perhaps be stimulated enough to ask about teaching a session or two on some specific Sundays during the year.
- volunteer to share some specific interest, talent or perspective with any of the classes, perhaps filling

in which you feel the curriculum may be lacking, or just providing a stimulating change of pace, we would particularly enjoy support in the form of ideas or help in preparation of special activities centering around the Thanksgiving, Christmas, or Easter seasons.

V. Lou Fleming mentioned that the Meeting has not yet received a bill for the portion of the cost of the Human *Heritage* series. Judy Gibbons-Hill promised to look into this.

VI. The Meeting approves the coming marriage of Becky Carey and William Charles Groth, Jr. The Fosters and Searles will continue their responsibilities if the young people approve.

VII. A friendship evening will take place Sunday evening at 7:30. Future special evenings are tentatively planned for December 14 and January 11. Helena Babbitt would like to show slides of her South American trip at the December Meeting.

VIII. A skeleton newsletter will come out before the next month's Business Meeting. Contents of the newsletter will be discussed at the next Business Meeting with a view to planning a definite format for the newsletter.

There being no further business, Elizabeth McNeal closed the Meeting with the reading of a Hassidic story from Rabbi Heschel's book. We will meet again on December 7, 1975.

Heidi King Peterson
Recording Clerk

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
December 9, 1973

The December Meeting for Business of the Monadnock Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends was held Sunday, December 9, 1973 following Meeting for Worship in the Peterborough Library Hall. Co-clerk, Elizabeth McGreal, opened the Meeting with a reading from Dag Hammershold's Markings.

I. The minutes for the October and November Meetings for Business were read and corrected. The corrected minutes were approved.

II. Hulda Brayton, convenor of Peace & Social Concerns, raised the matter of contributing to the New England Prisoner's Association. It was mentioned that we had previously contributed $25.00 in May of this year. It was the concensus of the Meeting that we should contribute $25.00 to this group in 1974.

The possibility of contributing to the World Peace tax fund was also mentioned. It was decided to postpone this decision until members have the opportunity to familiarize themselves with this organization.

III. Ministry and Council presented Ted Webster's letter applying for membership. The smiles around the table indicated the Meeting's heartfelt happiness and enthusiastic approval.

IV Friday, December 14, Thelma Babbitt will show slides at a Fellowship gathering.

V. The treasurer's report showed that there was $19.55 on hand at the beginning of the fiscal year (September 1). $1,075.00 have been received to date, and $559.30 has been disbursed on budgeted items.

VI. The newsletter was well-received. It was felt that both the content and format was very good. The inclusion of the minutes in the newsletter was considered to be undesirable at this point.

IX. The Meeting decided that a supportive minute of condolence should be sent to

Nora Kerr, formerly a regular attender of this Meeting, whose sister was murdered last month. Virginia Towle will be asked to write this minute.

x. Elizabeth McGreal suggested that the Meeting donate $\$10^{00}$ to the restoration of Saint Peter's Catholic Church in Peterborough, the sacristy of which was recently damaged by an act of vandalism.

There being no further business, the Meeting was adjourned with a friendly handshake, purposing to meet again on January 13, 1977.

Heidi Koring Zacharias
Recording Clerk

MONADNOCK MONTHLY MEETING FOR BUSINESS

January 13, 1974

The Monadnock Monthly Meeting for Business met on January 13, 1974 at Peterborough Library Hall, following Meeting for ~~Business~~ Worship.

Janeal Ravndal, co-clerk, opened the meeting with a period of silent meditation.

I - The Minutes of last meeting were read. On Minute III reporting on Ted Websters application for membership, it was felt this ~~Minute~~ ought to include the statement that "Two members of Ministry and Council met with Ted Webster and brought a recommendation to the Business Meeting that his application be approved." It was also suggested his name be recorded officially as "Edward Webster." The question was also raised as to the status of his children. Ted will discuss this with Susan Webster and let us know at the next Meeting for Business their decision on how the children are to be registered.

With these additions and corrections, the Minutes were approved.

II - Ministry and Council reported that the Fellowship Meeting scheduled for January 11th was cancelled because of bad weather. The next meeting of the Fellowship Group will consider the "State of our Society Report". Because of timing, it was agreed this meeting should be held on Friday, February 1st. The deliberations will be summarized by Ministry and Council and presented to the Business Meeting on February 10th. Elizabeth McGreal will send out cards to remind Friends of the February 1st date.

It was suggested we spend ~~A question was raised about spending~~ the 15 minutes when we have no singing, to greet new attenders and in Friendly sociability.

It has been suggested our Meeting consider the "Meaning of Membership in the Society of Friends". The consensus was that a whole evening should be spent on this subject, and this could possibly be done at the March Fellowship meeting. In April, it was suggested the California Minute on the Centrality of Christ, be scheduled for consideration. The third Friday, April 19th is being planned for this.

III - The Financial Report shows contributions received to date $1254.55, Disbursements to date $953.22, leaving a balance on hand of $301.33, on January 13, 1974.

This report was approved.

IV - Peace and Social Concerns Committee sent in a Resolution they wished the Meeting to approve. It protests the continued United States involvement in Vietnam with massive military and police support. A copy of the Resolution is to be published in the Newsletter and is included at the end of these Minutes.

The Resolution was approved.

(Heidi - get a copy of this from Hulda Brayton.)

V - Religious Education Committee. No one was present from this Committee but Judy Hildebrandt left a note saying they need help urgently to work with pre-school children, and to teach First Day School March 10, April 7 and 14. It was suggested this be put in the Newsletter and that members be canvassed by the Religious Education Committee by phone to find those willing to undertake these responsibilities.

VI - The World Peace Tax Fund issue was brought up again but not discussed, inasmuch as there were only three persons present. This prompted the suggestion that we must reconsider the time of Business Meeting so that, hopefully, more people may attend so decisions may be made that will more nearly represent the feeling of the Meeting as a whole. It was recommended this be brought up at the State of Society Meeting on February 1st. Notification should be included in the Newsletter and on the postcard being sent out.

The Good Friday Witness for Peace is announced and Friends are urged to participate. Get in touch with Sue Pennell or Penelope Turton for more details. (Addresses for both are in the Yearly Meeting Minute Book.)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with a few moments of quiet meditation, purposing to meeting again on Sunday, February 10, 1974.

Thelma W. Babbitt, Asst. Recording Clerk

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
February 10, 1974

The February Meeting for Business of the Monadnock Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends was held Sunday, February 10, 1974 following Meeting for Worship in the Peterborough Baker Room. Co-clerk Janeal Ravndahl, opened the Meeting with a brief period of silent worship.

I. The January minutes were read and approved.

II. A concern was expressed that the Meeting should have a project which could serve to strengthen the unity of the Meeting. It was decided to postpone discussion of this until the next Business Meeting.

III. Mention was made of the fact that we have no announcement of meeting time and place in Quaker Life magazine. It was decided to submit such an announcement. The wording of same was discussed and approved. It was decided to give Meeting time as 10^{30}.

IV. The first draft of the State of the Meeting report was read and considered. The wording was revised and clarified. This discussion, which covered not only the report as such, but also the problems and progress of the Meeting, led to consideration of Business Meeting. There was a concensus that the present time for Business Meeting is not satisfactory and is not conducive to careful and prayerful consideration. Meeting times were suggested and discussed. It was decided to abbreviate Meeting for Worship on second Sunday to about ½ hour. It is hoped that the Business Meeting will grow out of the Meeting for Worship and will itself be a prayerful and searching experience. The new schedule will commence on the second Sunday in March.

V. It was mentioned that a minute exploring our Meeting's relationship to the Quarterly Meeting is due March 1. Janeal Ravndahl and Robert Schulz will work on this.

vi. February 23 there will be a Yearly Meeting "Ministry & Council conference entitled "Friends Responsibility for Human Sexuality" at the Beacon Hill Friends House in Boston.

vii. The March 15 Fellowship Meeting will be a continuation of the discussion which preceded the State of Society Report. It is hoped that the problems of the Meeting which were not thoroughly discussed at the February 1st meeting will be considered at this time.

viii. Andrew Grinnell from the Yearly Meeting will visit us April 19. He will lead a discussion on the California Minute, concerning the centrality of Christ.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed with silent meditation, purposing to meet again March 10, 1974

Heidi Koring Zacharias
Recording Clerk.

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
March 10, 1974

The Monadnock Monthly Meeting for Business met March 10, 1974, following Meeting for worship.

Elizabeth McNeal, co-clerk, opened the meeting by reading from the third query concerning the nature and purpose of the Business Meeting.

I. The minutes of the previous Business Meeting were read and approved.

II. Mention was made of the fact that the notice to be sent to Quaker Life magazine contains a different time than the notice [illegible] presently appearing in Friend's Journal. It was also noted that the proposed Quaker Life notice has no mention of the summer meeting time. Problems concerning the earlier summer schedule were aired and discussed. Some members who travel a long distance to Meeting find it difficult to arrive at an earlier time. Other members have busy summer schedules which make the 10:45 meeting time impracticable. These problems were recognized & discussed at some length, but no definite conclusions were reached.

III. Don Flemming, treasurer, reported that $1,260.00 has been contributed to date and that $1,004.34 has been disbursed. Disbursements include $982.42 for budgeted items, $10.00 for the restoration of St. Peter's Church, and $11.92 for the newsletter, leaving $275.21 total cash on hand as of March 10, 1974.

IV. Ministry and Council has suggested that the newsletter could be used as a vehicle to bring the queries to mind. It was decided that a query should be printed in each copy of the newsletter.

A Family Social Evening will take place April 5 at the Library Hall at 7^{30}. Dessert will be served followed by a presentation of slides taken by Thelma Babbitt during her East Africa trip. A discussion of Friends activity in East Africa will also take place.

V. Peace & Social Concerns Committee distributed copies of a letter prepared by the Unitarian Church objecting to anti-abortion legislation. It was mentioned that the NARMIC slide show will be presented April 1st at 9:30 PM on Channel 11 Television.

Thelma Babbitt mentioned the growing concern about recycling and handed out informational fliers about them. It was noted that Peterborough does have a recycling shed.

There will be an open land use workshop in Peterborough on March 30.

There being no further Business, the Meeting concluded with a moment of quiet meditation, purposing to meet again April 14, 1974.

Heidi King Zacharias
Recording Clerk.

Monadnock Monthly Meeting

April 14, 1974

The April Meeting for Business of the Monadnock Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends was held April 14, 1974 following Meeting for Worship. Elizabeth McGreal, co-clerk, opened the meeting with a period of silent meditation.

I. The minutes of the March Business meeting were read & approved.

II. A Nominating Committee has been appointed to report a slate of officers and committee persons for the coming year. They are: Paula Flemming
Charles Hildebrandt
Virginia Towle.

II. Ruth Schreib and three of her children have written to the Meeting, stating their wish to be withdrawn from membership as they are transferring to another church. This request was granted.

III. Don Flemming, treasurer, reported that there was $19.55 on hand at the beginning of the fiscal year. $1,925.00 has been contributed. Disbursements to date include:

$1,532.73 → budgeted items
$ 10.00 → restoration of St Peter's Church
30.22 → newsletter
$1572.94

leaving a balance of $371.61.

IV. Religious Education Committee reported that there will be a workshop held April 27 at the Mt Toby Meeting House. Also, there is a need for volunteer 1st Day School teachers.

V. Peace & Social Concerns Committee brought up the question of contributing financially to the World Peace Tax Fund. After some discussion, it was decided to contribute $25.00 along with the following minute of support written by George Bliss:

The Monadnock Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends in Peterborough, New Hampshire unites in enthusiastic support of the World Peace

Tax Fund and sends us a token of its endorsement $\$25^{00}/$ for the on-going work of the group as it continues to present our concern to the Congress of the United States.

The *Jaffrey Ledger's* reluctance to publish a running notice of the meeting time & place was discussed. It was decided that the clerk should write to the editor requesting that a notice be inserted weekly.

VI. Ministry & Council announced that an evening with the queries will take place May 10th at the Peterborough Library Hall.

VII. Virginia Towle mentioned that Franklin Pierce College in Rindge is being considered as a possible Yearly Meeting site for 1975.

VIII. The question of the summer meeting time was brought up. After deep and careful consideration, it was the consensus of the meeting that the $10^{45}/$ meeting time will be continued during the summer months.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned after a period of silent meditation, purposing to meet again May 12, 1974

Heidi Koring Zacharias
Recording Clerk

MONADNOCK MONTHLY MEETING
May 12, 1974

The May Meeting for Business of the Monadnock Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends was held Sunday, May 12, 1974 following Meeting for Worship. Janeal Ravndahl, co-clerk, opened the meeting with a selection read form Faith and Practice.

I. The minutes of the April Business Meeting were read and approved

II. The treasurer's report shows cash on hand as $225.11. We are in good financial condition-- $186.00 short of the budget with three and one-half months to go.

III. The Nominating Committee presented a slate of committee persons and officers who will begin service June 1st. After some discussion, the following list of committee members was approved.

Presiding Clerk:	Phil Towle
Recording Clerk:	Heidi Zacharias
Treasurer:	Don Flemming
Ministry and Consel Committee:	Virginia Towle Jack Haller Ted Webster Paula Flemming George Bliss*
Peace and Social Concerns Committee:	Leslie Zacharias* Hulda Brayton Karen Towle Chuck Hildebrandt
Religious Education Committee:	Judy Hildebrandt* Janeal Ravndahl Ted Webster
Representatives to Yearly Meeting:	Phil Towle Virginia Towle George Bliss
Finance Committee:	Don Flemming* Phil Towle Ted Webster

*Convenors of the committees will only convene the first meeting, after which a convenor will be chosen by the committee.

IV. It was announced that Nora Fairbanks will be with us the third week in May.

V. The Friends' Journal ad has been changed to correspond with the meeting time listed in Quaker Life.

VI. Thelma Babbitt stated a concern about the Peace and Social Concerns committee. She suggested that this committee might shift it emphasis and activity from the problem of prison reform to that of ecology. She feels that a study group dealing with ecology-related problems such as the food shortage could be valuable to the meeting and asks that a minute of concern about the food shortage be included in both the minutes and the newsletter.

> The Monadnock Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends expresses its deep and prayerful concern about the impending food crisis. We realize that all living things-- human, animal and plant-- are a fragile gift of a loving God. We fear that man's greedy and rash misuse of nature is bringing about a gross imbalance in the delicate and complex ecosystems on which all men depend for physical sustenance. We are afraid that such an upset has already created critical food shortages and that, unless this misuse is curbed, more serious shortages with consequent suffering and loss of human life will be the result. We deplor these tragic circumstances and pray that mankind will prevent ecological calamity by using nature prudently and tenderly and by seeing it as one of God's most precious gifts.

VII. Peace and Social Concerns reports that a letter of thanks from the World Peace Tax Fund has been received by the Meeting. Also, anyone who would like to corresspond with a prisoner, please contact Hulda Brayton.

VIII. June 10, the Beacon Hill Friends will be hosting an all day crafts show. All Friends and / or their crafts and artwork are welcome.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned after a period of silent prayer, purposing to meet again June 9, 1974.

Heidi Koring Zacharias
Recording Clerk.

Minutes of June 9, 1974 Business Meeting

The June Business Meeting of the M.M.M.R.S.F. was held Sunday, June 9, 1974. Philip Towle, clerk, opened the meeting.

I. The Minutes of the May meeting were passed out and read. After some discussion, it was decided to revise them by omitting the second sentence of Minute 6.* The corrected Minutes were approved.

II. Helen Bliss suggested ahat Minute 6 concerning ecology be sent to Gordon Brown of the Yearly Meeting. This suggestion was approved by the Meeting.

III. George Bliss, convenor of Ministry & Counsel, reported on their June meeting. The role and emphasis of Ministry & Counsel was discussed at that meeting. Areas of concern include: the quality of worship, the overseeing of marriages and funerals, membership, fellowship meetings, and individual counselling. Other concerns include the role of the Meeting vis à vis the Meeting School, and the role of the older children and young Friends in our Meeting.

An after-meeting picnic was suggested as a way to get together. There will be picnics June 23 at the Bliss's and June 30 at Towles.

It was further decided that Ministry & Counsel members should host Meeting for Worship if the clerk is absent.

IV. Ruth Schreib has written to the Meeting requesting a letter of transfer to Sandy Springs (Md.) Meeting for her husband and daughter Ruth. She also requests that her son Roland III be dropped from membership. This request was approved.

V. Virginia Towle reported on the meeting of the Monadnock Council of Churches. The executive committee of the Council is planning a radio program on station WSCV. They are also planning to organize an inter-church youth gathering.

VI. Thelma Babbitt reports that Henry Sells, AFSC representative, will be at a coffee gathering at her home on June 11, 10 - 11:30 a.m.

VII. It was mentioned that there are to be hearings concerning regional power sources. It was pointed out that this is a complex and crucial issue and that Friends should inform themselves concerning the issues.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned after a period of silent meditation, purposing to meet again July 14.

Heidi Zacharias, recording clerk

* from the May 1974 Minutes, delete from Minute 6 the following sentence: "She suggested this...to that of ecology."

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
July 14, 1974

The July Business Meeting of the Monadnock Monthly Meeting of Friends was held July 14, 1974 after Meeting for Worship

I. The minutes of the June Meeting were read and approved

II. It was announced that there would be a picnic after business meeting at the McDowell Dam.

III. The remainder of the meeting was spent discussing the problems and challenges of organizing an exciting and relevant First Day School experience for meeting children.

Judy Hildebrandt suggested that having structured periods only three Sundays per month with babysitting alternate Sundays would make it easier to continue an excellent program.

It was suggested the children be invited to participate during Business Meeting. This could develop into a Junior business meeting.

Elizabeth McCreal has offered to teach Bible history to the older children on first Sundays. She has arranged to get facilities upstairs in the library for this purpose.

Mary Gregory has offered to teach Quaker History on 3rd Sundays.

Judy Hildebrandt mentioned that a segment of the Unitarian Religious Education Committee show continued willingness to share their Sunday School facilities and have unofficially offered their fellowship hall as a place for our meeting of worship. Judy remarked that the trip back & forth from the library to the Unitarian Church makes it difficult to keep a sense of continuity for our children. It was suggested that parents pick up their children after meeting at the Unitarian Church. After a brief discussion concerning the suitability of the Unitarian Church's Fellowship Room, it was decided to postpone this decision until a larger percentage of members & attenders were present.

Elizabeth McCreal mentioned that the Queries revised by the children will appear in *Friend's Journal* in the future!

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned with a brief period of silent prayer, purposing to meet again in September.

Heidi Kunz Zacharias
Recording Clerk

Monadnock Monthly Meeting

September 8, 1974

The September meeting for Business of the Monadnock Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends was held September 8, 1974. Phil Towle, clerk, opened the meeting with a few minutes of meditation.

I. The minutes of the July Meeting for Business were read, corrected and approved.

II. The Religious Education Committee reported that they have received a letter from the Unitarian Church School Group thanking our Meeting for working together with them and asking if our meeting could share the cost of supplies and snacks for the Sunday School program. The meeting agreed to share expenses.

III Don Flemming, treasurer, presented the budget proposal prepared by the financial committee. After the meeting members perused it and asked questions, it was decided to accept it as drawn up.

IV. Phil Towle said a few brief words about the last Quarterly Meeting, which he attended and mentioned that the next Quarterly Meeting will be held December 7-8 at Bennington, Vt. It is hoped that young Friends from each monthly meeting would plan youth activities beforehand. It was mentioned that Ted Webster would like to prepare a play with young Friends from our meeting.

V. Phil then presented a request from his daughter, Hannah, who would like the meeting to donate \$20^{00} towards the cost of her attending a meeting of young Friends. The donation of \$20^{00}/ was approved. The Meeting hopes Hannah will share her experiences at the conference with members of our Sunday School Group.

VI. The Peterborough Library is going to have a sign made. The Meeting decided to take this opportunity to have our sign repainted. It will be Quaker grey with maroon brown lettering. The last line will be changed to read "Enter off parking lot."

VII. It was decided to change the date of Business meeting to the third Sunday of the month starting in October to avoid conflicts with Quarterly Meeting. In order to corresspond to the new Business Meeting date, the newsletter deadline will be moved up one week as well.

VIII. Next Sunday Mary Gregory will begin a discussion of Quakerism with the older First Day school children. As this group numbers 13, it may be necessary to change the location of this Sunday School group. The library can only accommadate 8 children. It was decided to see how many children regularly attend before this matter is brought up for discussion.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned, purposing to meet again on the third Sunday of October, October 20, 1974

Heidi Kosing Zacharias
Recording Clerk

Cash 9/1/73	$ 1408.61
Contributions to 8/31/74	2145.00
Interest earned Unity Bank	66.43
	$ 3620.04
Disbursements to 8/31/74	1893.21
Cash 9/1/74	1726.83
Unity Bank	1655.49
Keene National	71.34

	Budget	Actual	Proposed
NEYM	550	550	600
Northeast Qtr.	140	140	140
NEYM Equalization	50	50	50
NEYM Rel. Yng. Fr.	50	50	--
FGC	150	150	150
Fr. Journal-Adv.	30	12.60	25
Library rent	170	174	175
PO Box rent	6	5.80	6
Friends [illegible]	45	--	--
Treasurer's Exp.	10	10	10
[illegible]	50	6.12	100
[illegible] Council	10	10	10
[illegible]	150	150	200
[illegible]	100	100	100
[illegible]	21.50	21.50	22.50
[illegible]	50	50	--
[illegible]	50	50	50
[illegible]	100	100	150
[illegible]	150	150	200
[illegible]	--	(53.19)	75
Other concerns	267.50	113.19	186.50
Newsletter 53.19	2150	1893.21	[illegible]
St. Peters 10.00			
WISP 25.00			
[illegible] Pris. Assoc. 25.00			
Contributions	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Business Meeting Minutes, Oct. 20, 1974

The October meeting for business of the Monadnock Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends was held October 20, 1974 in the Peterborough Library Hall.

I. The minutes of the September business meeting were read and approved.

II. Donald Flemming reported that the cash on hand Sept. 1, 1974 was $ 71.34. Contributions of $ 586.55 and disbursements of $ 100.15 brought the total cash on hand as of Oct. 20 to $ 557.75. Donald Flemming also asked if the Meeting might consider transferring the checking account to a Peterborough bank. This move would make it more convenient for him, as treasurer, to transact the Meeting's financial business. A different bank could also offer a less expensive checking account. The Meeting asked him to speak with various banks in Peterborough and decide which is best. The suggestion that the Clerk be empowered to sign checks from the Meeting's account was also approved.

III. Ministry & Counsel met October 10. A letter of introduction for Randy Brown was sent to a Meeting near his new home. The Monadnock Monthly Meeting's relationship with The Meeting School was discussed. The next Ministry & Counsel meeting, to be held Oct. 29 at 7 p.m., will be a meeting with representatives from The Meeting School to discuss forms this relationship might take. Some members of the Meeting feel strongly that the entire Monthly Meeting should take part in this and other matters of concern to the Meeting. A suggestion that our Meeting might oversee a preparatory meeting at the school led to much searching and discussion. Some members of the Meeting suggested that no action be taken concerning a preparatory meeting at the school unless members of the school community evince a desire to form such a meeting with the Monadnock Monthly Meeting as overseers. As Charles Cox, member of The Meeting School community was present at this business meeting, he was asked to speak concerning the spiritual life at the school. Charles outlined the meeting calendar at the school as follows: regular meetings for worship are held at 8:30 AM every morning but Sunday. Business meeting is held on Fridays from 8:30-10:30. On behalf of the school community, he invited members of the Monadnock Monthly Meeting to attend The Meeting School gatherings for business and worship. Donald Flemming defined the problem of our relationship to The Meeting School as a three-fold one. 1-The Meeting is concerned about non-attendance of our members, including those who are part of The Meeting School community. 2-The Meeting desires information concerning life at The Meeting School. 3-The Meeting desires closer contact with the school and its community. There was a feeling that the Ministry & Counsel Meeting on Oct. 29 would be a suitable time to begin establishing this contact. Les Zacharias suggested that the Oct. 29 gathering be a meeting open to all interested members of the Monthly Meeting. This suggestion was accepted.

IV. Paula Flemming expressed great concern about the committee structure of the Meeting. She suggested that the Meeting is too small to warrant the present committee organization and feels strongly that matters of interest to the Meeting should be discussed by the entire membership. The matter was discussed, but no conclusions were reached.

V. The spiritual state of the Meeting was discussed. It was decided that the Newsletter would be a fitting forum for expressing members' concerns about this.

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
November 17, 1974

The November Business Meeting of the Monadnock Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends was held November 17, 1974 in the Peterborough Library Hall.

I. The Minutes of the October Business Meeting were read & approved.

II. The treasurer's report, which follows, was presented & approved.

Cash on Hand -	71.34
Contributions to date -	686.55
	757.89
Budgeted disbursements	521.65
Hannah Towle	20.00
Cash on Hand 11/17/74	$216.24

III. A report from Ministry & Council was read & discussed. The report stressed the need for a closer relationship between our Meeting & the Meeting School. There are varying feelings within our Meeting concerning the shape this relationship should take & the Meeting's responsibility in fostering this relationship. During the discussion, the following suggestions were made:

① That there be bi-yearly meetings between both parties.

② That a report from the Meeting School appear in the newsletter regularly & that newsworthy Meeting School items appear in the newsletter.

IV. Les Zacharias reported that Peace & Social Concerns met November 10 before Meeting for Worship. At this meeting it was decided that one of the committee's primary concerns should be to keep abreast of current legislation & events and to pass this information on to the Meeting. It was decided that the committee should not restrict its concern to one particular area of interest.

It was mentioned that a newsletter from World Peace Tax fund is available.

The November 21 fast to aid the world's many starving people was mentioned. It will be sponsored by the American Branch of Oxfam.

A reminder was made of the UFW boycott of grapes & lettuce.

Thelma Babbitt suggested that the newsletter could be used by the Peace & Social Concerns Committee to publicize any important meetings or pending legislation.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned after a few moments of silence purposing to meet again in December.

Heidi Zacharias
Recording Clerk

MINUTES, DECEMBER MEETING FOR BUSINESS

The December Meeting for Business of the Monadnock Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends was held Dec. 15, 1974.

I. The Minutes of the previous Meeting for Business were read and approved.

II. The treasurer's report, which follows, was read and approved:

Cash on hand 9/1/74	$ 71.34
Contributions	756.55
Budgeted disbursements	521.65
Hannah Towle	20.00
Cash on hand 12/15/74	$541.65

Don Flemming reported that Mrs. Whipple of Grove Street, Peterborough, is accepting contributions for the Snell family, who are having financial difficulties due to Tim's illness. It was agreed, that the Meeting contribute $100.00 to this fund. In addition, any individual members who care to contribute may send checks for this purpose either to Mrs. Whipple or to Don Fleming, who will forward them. It was further decided that the meeting should visit the Snells and determine any continuing financial need.

III. Laban Masimba needs additional financial support to attend a called meeting of East African Friends in Oskaloosa. Any contributions earmarked for this purpose may be sent to Don Flemming and will be forwarded.

IV. Jack and Ethel Haller have transferred their membership from the Seattle Meeting to the Monadnock Meeting.

V. Mary Gregory and her family will be travelling to Wales. Her request for a minute to take with her was approved and will be prepared by the clerk.

VI. Quarterly Meeting would like the State of Society report early this year. It was decided that an open meeting will be held Jan. 3 to work on this. Quarterly Meeting would also like a statement describing our relationship to that body. The form this report should take will be discussed Jan. 3 as well.

VII. The Odd Fellows Hall in Peterborough would be available for the use of our Meeting. The facilities are quite roomy. The rent is $10.00 / Sunday. (At present we are paying $39.00 / quarter.) It was decided to make use of the Hall for the January 3 meeting.

VIII. The children announced they have a total of $6.15. They will have a Christmas party December 21 at 7 pm for the entire Meeting. Dessert will be served and carols will be sung.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned, purposing to meet again January 19, 1975.

Heidi Zacharias
Recording Clerk

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
January 19, 1975

The Monadnock Monthly Meeting for Business met January 19, 1975 in the Peterborough Library.

I. The Minutes of the December Meeting for Business were discussed, corrected and approved.

II. Don Flemming, treasurer, gave the following report:

COH 9/1/74	71.34
Contributions to date	1656.55
	1727.89

Disbursements to date:

Budgeted	699.33
Special Concerns *	570.00
	1269.33

COH 1/19/75 $458.56

* Snells	$400
L. Masimba	129
H Towle	20
FCNL	15
Bourgoine	10
	570

Don was asked to send a check for $10.00 to the I.O.O.F to cover use of their facilities.

Previously we have paid the bill for our announcement in Friend's Journal on a quarterly basis. This has been changed to a yearly basis to take advantage of a discount.

II. Ted Webster suggested that Ministry & Council form a committee to help the Snells.

After some discussion it was decided that the Meeting would give $20.00 to Bonnie Segal, who ~~which~~ wishes to attend a conference on being single. It is hoped she will share her experiences at this conference with the Meeting

III. The entire Meeting expressed its heartfelt gratitude towards Phil Towle for the time & effort he took in searching for a new meeting site.

Phil reported that neither the seminary

nor the monastery are available for use
by our meeting. The meeting is favorably
disposed towards the use of the IOOF Hall as
a meeting place, but suggested we might
see if the hall of the Unitarian Church
is available before coming to a final
decision.

IV. The first draft of the State of Society
report was presented. After some discussion and revision the revised version
was approved

V. The Meeting has received a letter from
the Westfield Monthly Meeting committing
Rod Turner to our Meeting as a sojourning
member.

VI. There being no further business the
Meeting adjourned with a few moments
of silent prayer purposing to meet again
February 16.

Heidi Koring Zeibaum,
Recording Clerk

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
February 16, 1975

The February Business Meeting of the Monadnock Monthly Meeting was held February 16, 1975 at the Peterborough Library Hall.

I. Phil Towle, clerk, opened the meeting by reading letters of thanks from Jim & Julie Snell and Bonnie Segal.

II. Phil Towle presented the treasurer's report, stating current C.O.H as $\$336^{56}$. Next month the Meeting would like a more detailed budget report to be presented at Business Meeting. Don Flemming will be asked to do so. Don had been asked to take part in the quarterly Meeting budget discussion. He regrets he will be unable to do it. Phil Towle was asked to take this responsibility & accepted it.

III. The Unitarian Church has seriously considered allowing us to use their facilities. However they do not feel it would be convenient for us to meet concurrently with their service. It was the feeling of the Meeting that a change in time would be difficult for us, so their offer is turned down with thanks

IV. Virginia Towle suggested we consider building or buying a Meeting House. The clerk presented a letter from Jack Haller, as representative of the Meeting School. The School would be willing to consider the possibility of donating land upon which the Monadnock Meeting could build a simple structure. Many factors which would ~~be~~ influence our decision were discussed. Some people suggested that a building of our own would give the Meeting a sense of unity and purpose. Meetings which have their own meeting houses tend to increase in numbers. A Meeting house create a spiritual center and a feeling of community.

Others felt that financial and time considerations would make it impossible at this time. Some felt it would be wrong to erect a building which would not be constantly utilized.

As no decision was forthcoming, it was decided a committee should be formed to consider seriously all housing options.

It was the concensus of Friends that we should move to the IOOF Hall, starting the first of March & meet there until a better meeting site should be found.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned after a moment of silence purposing to meet again March 16, 1975.

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
March 16, 1975

The March meeting of the Monadnock Monthly Meeting was held March 16, 1975.

I. The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read, corrected & approved.

II. Don Flemming, treasurer, gave the following financial report:

COH 9/1/75	71.34
Contributions	1916.55
	1987.89
Disbursements	
Budgeted	1133.33
Special	655.00
	1788.33
COH 3/16/75	199.56

Approximately 1/3 of the monies needed are to be raised in the remaining 5 1/2 months.

Don also pointed out that the checking account has been moved to the First National Bank in Peterborough.

III. Thelma Babbitt requested a travelling minute to take with her on a trip to Norway & the Netherlands.

IV. Lincoln Cory requests sojourning membership at Adelphi Meeting in Maryland. This was approved.

V. It was decided we should have a sign near the highway outside the IOOF Hall. It would read

MONADNOCK FRIENDS MEETING for WORSHIP
QUAKER
WORSHIP SUNDAYS 10:30
CHILDREN WELCOME

Approved.

VI. Yearly Meeting request for the statistical report has been received.

VII. Phil Towle discussed the Quarterly Meeting budget. Yearly Meeting made a contribution of $250 to the service committee in Windsor, Vt. There will be be a $250 scholarship for a New England child to attend Farm & Wilderness Camp. $50 has been set aside to send copies of the book "This

Life We Take" to Vermont legislators.

VIII A letter from Marge Swan, executive secretary of the New England AFSC was received concerning the possibility of having a worker in New Hampshire. This letter will be posted for all to read & consider.

IX. Ministry & Counsel met Thursday. They wish to remind the meeting that the Snells will continue to need support. Arrangements for Jimmy's memorial service were made.

Ministry & Counsel is planning a Good Friday evening sharing and an Easter breakfast for the meeting.

X. The Meeting decided to donate a book to the Peterborough Town Library as an expression of gratitude.

XI. The possibility of the Meeting having stationery with a simple letterhead was discussed & approved.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned with a moment of prayer, purposing to meet again April 20, 1975.

Heidi Koring Zacharias
Recording

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
April 20, 1975

The April Business Meeting of the Monadnock Monthly Meeting was held April 20, 1975 at the IOOF.

I. The March minutes were read, corrected and approved.

II. It was mentioned that the sign in front of the building will be soft green with black letters. "Walt's Signs" will do the painting; Phil Towle will do the woodwork.

III. Don Flemming, Treasurer, reported that we had $180.00 in contributions. $90.00 was disbursed as rent; $12.60 was paid to Quaker Life Magazine. We have a balance of $276.96. We may run short of money at the summer's end.

A contribution of $25.00 to AFSC for their service in Vietnam was approved.

$30.00 for a book (a biography of Emily Dickinson) to be given to the Peterborough Library was approved.

IV. Helen Bliss volunteered to be our representative at the May 4 Quarterly Meeting in Dover.

V. A nominating committee composed of:

Ethel Haller
Helen Bliss
Elizabeth McGreal

was approved. This group will make suggestions at the May Business Meeting.

VI. It was mentioned that George Bliss will speak at the Monadnock Council of Churches Meeting May 4.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned with a moment of silence purposing to meet again May 18.

Heidi Zacharias
Recording Clerk

MONADNOCK MONTHLY MEETING

Nominations for committees May, 1975

Presiding Clerk: Philip Towle
Recording Clerk: Ethel Haller
Treasurer: Donald Flemming

Ministry and Counsel:
George Bliss, Convenor
Jack Haller
Janeal Ravndal
Virginia Towle
Heidi Zacharias

Religious Education:
Judy Hildebrandt, Convenor
Elizabeth McGreal
Ted Webster
Lucy Winslow

Peace and Social Concerns:
Charles Hildebrandt, Convenor
Thelma Babbitt
Bill McDevitt
Karen Towle

Fellowship Coordinator:
Hulda Brayton

Newsletter: Ted Webster (printing & mailing)
__________ (news gathering)

Finance Committee:
Donald Flemming, Convenor
Philip Towle
Ted Webster

Representatives to Yearly Meeting:
George Bliss
Helen Bliss
Virginia Towle

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
May 18, 1975

The Monadnock Monthly Meeting Business Meeting for May was held May 18, 1975 at the IOOF.

I. The April Business Meeting minutes were read, corrected & approved.

II. Don Flemming reported there had only been 30^{00} in contributions in the last few months. It was decided to appeal for contributions in the newsletter & to use savings account funds to cover our commitments. The savings account ~~was~~ will be reimbursed from incoming contributions.

III. George Bliss, convenor of ministry & council said that that committee suggests instituting home picnics after meeting. After some discussion it was decided to have bi-monthly picnics at members' homes & at the IOOF & McDowell dam. The dates & sites of the picnics will be published in the newsletter.

It is hoped Friends will attend the June 7 Meeting School graduation & the June 29 Yearly Meeting.

IV. The World Peace Tax Fund sent a letter thanking us for our letter & urging the meeting to continue publicizing the bill.

V. It was mentioned that our ad will appear each week in the Ledger.

VI. The nominating committee presented the following nominations for committees. The list was approved.

VII. There will be a meeting concerning the possibility of acquiring an AFSC representative in N. H. Either Helen Bliss or Bill McDevitt will attend the first meeting after which Peace & Social Concerns will elect a representative.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned, purposing to meet again in June.

Heidi [illegible]
Recording Clerk

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
June, 1975

The June Business Meeting of the Monadnock Monthly Meeting was held the third First day of the month.

I. Phil Towle, clerk, announced that the Earthquakers, young Friends from Burlington, would like to visit our Meeting to share their special projects & concerns. Sept. 14 was decided upon as a good date.

II. The May minutes were read, corrected & approved.

III. Don Flemming, treasurer, announced that we have $173.96 cash on hand & $312.00 of budgeted items to be paid before August 31. We paid no rent on June 1 as we were locked out & thus met at the Library. We now have our own key.

IV. Charlie Cox has requested to be transferred from the Old Chatham Meeting to the Monadnock Monthly Meeting.

→ V. It was decided to hold Business Meetings regularly during the summer months.

VI. Phil Towle reported on Quarterly Meeting. It was an active, exciting gathering. David Kales of Hanover Meeting will receive the Farm & Wilderness Camp Scholarship. The Vt prison program has been dropped since the closing of Windsor prison.

The Quarterly Meeting schedule for the year is as follows:

Sept 5 - Pre-Quarterly Meeting retreat
Sept 6-7 - Quarterly Meeting, Farm & Wilderness Camp
Dec 6-7. Bennington, Vt.
Putney & Monadnock meetings have been asked to help.
Mar. 6 - Plainfield
June 5,6 - Farm & Wilderness Camp.

VII. Helen Blair attended the AFSC meeting concerning a NH. representative. Thelma Babbitt attended the annual AFSC meeting where this was discussed. Dover Meeting will be having an auction to raise money for a NH AFSC rep.

X. Religious education announced that the summer program will continue on an informal basis, depending on the number of young people in attendance.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned, purposing to meet again July 1st.

Heidi Bachmann
Recording Clerk

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
July 20, 197[illegible]

The July meeting of the Monadnock Monthly Meeting was held July 20 at the ~~[illegible]~~ Odd Fellows Hall

I. The minutes of the previous meeting were corrected & approved.

II. Peace & Social Concerns [illegible] met [illegible] before meeting. Bill [illegible] reports that a [illegible] was hired for a 3 month period. [illegible] meeting [illegible].
Peace & Social Concerns will make a financial recommendation which will be considered by the finance committee.

[illegible] Meeting has been [illegible] following [illegible] we should have a [illegible] to [illegible] discuss the amount of responsibility entailed in being an AFSC representative. The following calendar [illegible] was suggested: Sep 21 – [illegible].
Sep. 14 – Meeting concerning AFSC Rep.

III. The Clerk has received a letter from [illegible] and his wife from [illegible] Monthly Meeting. They will be coming to live in the [illegible] area. A welcoming letter will be sent.
There being no further business the meeting adjourned, [illegible].

Heidi [illegible]
[illegible] Clerk

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
August 17, 1975

Meeting for Business met on Aug. 17, 1975 George I. Bliss served as Clerk and Virginia R. Towle as Recording Clerk, Philip Towle and Ethel Haller not being present.

The July minutes were read, corrected and approved.

William McDevitt, a member of the Peace & Social Concerns Committee reported that the Sept. 14 date for presentation of the newly formed American Friends Service Committee Program in New Hampshire has been cancelled and a new date will be set after a State worker on behalf of the state group has been employed. The support group forwarded the names of three persons, one of whom will be selected by the Personnel Committee of the New England AFSC Office. The meeting will focus on the relationship to and responsibility of Monadnock meeting to the N.H. AFSC Program.

We have been encouraged by many summer visitors and look forward to them returning whenever they may be able.

The "Earthquakers", a Young Friends group from Burlington, Vt. Meeting will gather with us Sept. 28 following lunch, with Hulda Brayton coordinating lunch plans.

Northwest Quarterly Meeting will gather September 6 + 7 at Farm + Wilderness Camps in Plymouth, Vt. preceded by a planned Retreat by the Quarterly Meeting Ministry + Counsel with John Yungblut of Pendle Hill staff as leader. We are all encouraged to participate.

A proposal was received from the Monadnock Council of Churches to give support to resettlement of a Vietnamese family in the area. The Meeting felt this was not the way to respond to the refugee problem but rather to urge the Secretary of the Treasury, William Simon, to make possible the sending of certain items necessary to help the Vietnamese self-productive again. The Meeting sees this as a punitive act against the people of Vietnam and encourages the Dept. of State to allow AFSC to send life giving materials to the Vietnamese.

The Meeting adjourned purposing to meet Sept 21 following Worship.

Prepared by –
Virginia R. Towle

copied by T. W. [illegible]

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
September 21, 1975

At a Meeting for Worship and Business 9th month 21, 1975 Monadnock Monthly Meeting heard and approved the Minutes of 8th Month Meeting

The Treasurer's Report and a suggested budget were presented. After discussion and clarification the budget was returned to the Finance Committee for finalizing.

Peace & Social Concerns Committee reported that Bill McDermott had attended planning meetings in Concord in support of having an AFSC representative in N. H. Bill is not able to continue to attend these sessions Lucy Winslow agreed to represent us.

Friends considered whether to budget a contribution for this effort or establish a fund for special contributions. A $100 budgeted item was approved.

We were encouraged to submit names for the AFSC mailing list. We were informed that the Support Committee hopes to hire someone early in October 1975. We hope soon thereafter, that this person will visit with the N. H. Monthly Meetings.

Friends were asked to consider monthly or bi-monthly programmed meetings for sharing our personal involvements, having outside speakers and perhaps a meal together. Meeting asked Peace & Social Concerns to explore this possibility further.

Religious Education Committee reported that Elizabeth McGreal and Lucy Winslow will share planning and responsibility for children of the Meeting each First Day. Initially lesson plans are to be built around Discipleship and the New Testament. For the little children's care during meeting for Worship, we will depend upon volunteers according to who is present each week.

Clerk reminded us that the "Earthquakers" are visiting next First Day from Burlington Vt. Meeting. We will have lunch with them following Worship and hospitality has been arranged in homes. Quarterly Meeting hosting is not to be our responsibility. Instead we will assist Bennington with plans for the December Meeting. Young Friends should be thinking about participation in Quarterly Mtg. on the subject of Conservation & Ecology.

Thelma Babbitt informed us of Ecological Workshops for young persons at the Harris Center in Hancock every Saturday.

Virginia Towle reported for the Council of Churches that it does not plan to bring Vietnamese refugees into this region but will support Franklin Pierce students in their efforts and appoint a liaison person.

It was stated we all need more firm reminders about our Meeting contributions and Finance Committee was asked to find a suitable way of doing this in order that the budget may be met and the work of the Treasurer facilitated.

We agreed to finish consideration of the budget at our next Meeting for Business and adjourned after a thoughtful silence.

Ethel Haller, Recording Clerk

The Meeting purposed to meet Oct. 19, 1975 following Worship.
copied by T. V. Babbitt

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
October 19, 1975

Monadnock Monthly Meeting met for Worship and Business on 10th month 19, 1975.

Don Fleming, Treasurer, reported the interim disbursements made since last business meeting since budget approval had been held over. Further consideration of the budget resulted in approval.

Religious Education Committee amended their decision to have classes for the children during Business Meetings. Parents recommendations have returned us to the practice of holding classes every First Day except the third (when Meeting for Business follows Worship.) It was reported the children had met twice, learning about the early life of Christ. Each child is keeping a notebook of drawings and discussion records. A particular interest was shown in "Miracles."

Peace + Social Concerns Committee gave no formal report but Lucy Winslow informed us that the AFSC representative for N.H. has been selected and that Support Committee Meetings are to be held the third Thursday of each month.

Philip Towle, Clerk, shared a letter from Sarasota, Florida Meeting which recommended Tom McGuigan to our fellowship. Clerk said he would stop in the Meeting School to welcome Tom and his wife, Eva Pichnotte.

Clerk reviewed the understandings we had reached in regard to the budget:

Any contribution to NEYM Minute 60 (now known as Committee on Prejudice + Poverty) will be decided on after our Meeting has had a representative visit us. Possible contributions may come out of Miscellaneous fund.

Religious Ed. Committee feels no need of budgeted funds at this time since teachers + families are willing and eager to rely on their own ingenuity and resources.

The $200 contribution to the AFSC will be equally divided between the N.H. program and general Funds. There will be a special fun established for the N.H. program for which Friends should earmar their contributions.

Lucy Winslow reminded us of a booklet entitled "This is the Child," a report on AFSC work in Vietnam in poetry + pictures. All proceeds go to Vietnam medical programs. Lucy asked how many to order for our Meeting. It was approved to order ten.

Elizabeth McGreal initiated a discussion of our meeting time, because of the fact we do not actually start meeting at the time advertised in Friends Journal and elsewhere. Friends agreed we would make a more conscious effort to arrive at 10:30 for singing and continue to start silent worship at 10:45.

Meeting closed with a brief silence.

Ethel Haller, Recording Clerk

.. purposing to meet Nov. 16, 1975.

— copied by T. W. Babbitt

MONADNOCK MONTHLY MEETING

Proposed Budget for 1976-77

Right Sharing of World Resources	1975 budget	Actually spent	Proposed for 1976-77
NEYM	600	600	600
NEYM Equalization	50	50	50
Northwest Quarter	140	140	140
Friends General Conference	150	150	150
Monadnock Council of Churches	15	15	15
FCNL	200	200	200
Friends World Committee	50	50	100
~~FWC 1% more~~	22.50	22.50	~~30~~ 50
The Meeting School	150	150	150
AFSC	200	100	200
AFSC N.H. representative	special	210	($110 earmarked, $100 from general funds)
Friends Journal ad	20	32.68	30
Quaker Life ad	15	13.95	15
Newsletter	75	27.31	40
Religious Education	0	0	10
P.O. box rent	11	8	11
Treasurer's expenses	10	10.28	10
Rent	520	515	540
~~Miscellaneous~~ scholarship & contingency fund	71.50	0	139 ~~89~~
		$2294.72	~~$2400.00~~ 2450.00

Earmarked special:

Laban Masimba	$200
Rocto Edmonson	25
Roger Demers fund	10
	$2529.72

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
Nov. 16, 1975

Monadnock Monthly Meeting for Business met after Worship on 11th month 16, 1975.

Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Minutes of Business Meeting 10th month 19, were approved.

Ministry & Council reported their main agenda when they met on Nov. 13th had been two applications for membership from Lucy Winslow and Kim Henry. Visitation Committees were appointed to meet with both and make recommendations to the Meeting regarding their membership applications

It was announced that Quarterly Meeting would be held in Bennington, Vt. first day in December! It will feature AFSC efforts and goals. Young Friends will be involved in programs of an environmental nature.

Linda LeClair, the representative of N.H. A.F.S.C met with us to discuss the program and its directions. She not only explained the current thinking of staff involved but drew from Friends their thoughts and concerns for the program.

Meeting closed with a short period of meditation.

Ethel Haller, Recording Clerk

proposing to meet again 12th month 18, 1975
copied by T. W. B.

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
December 28, 1975

Monadnock Monthly Meeting for Business met on the fourth First Day rather than the third due to winter storms.

The Christmas Program to be presented by First Day School was postponed to Jan. 4th, 1976 for the same reason. Friends were encouraged to bring punch, fruit, cookies and donuts for sharing a meal on that occasion.

Thelma Babbitt announced that Margaret Gibbins, Exec. Secretary of the European Section of the Friends World Committee for Consultation will not be able to share with our meeting during January 1976 as hoped because of travel schedule complications with other meetings in New England.

Thelma will be attending Plainfield, Vt. meeting while caring for her grandchildren in January and February while their parents are in India. We shall miss her presence but are happy to have her worshipping with Plainfield Friends.

Meeting closed with a brief silence and Friends parted, grateful for the fellowship of each First Day.

Ethel Heller Recording Clerk

... purposing to meet again Jan. 18, 1976.
(signed by T.W.B.)

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
January 18, 1976

The Monadnock Monthly Meeting for Business was held on Jan. 18, 1976 following Meeting for Worship.

The Treasurer's Report by Don Fleming was accepted. The Clerk, Phil Towle expressed appreciation for the care taken and work done by Don in carrying out the financial responsibilities of the Meeting.

The Education Committee reported that things are going well, attendance of young people is faithful and they and their leaders are having an interesting and satisfying time.

Peace & Social Concerns Committee did not have a member present but Lucy Winslow, our representative on the Support Committee for the N.H. AFSC work, reported. A statement of purpose was read which deliniated three major channels for work in N.H: Ethical Life Styles; Militarism in the State (Seabrook) (Draft and/or mass registration) and Development of Peaceful Technology.

Lucy informed us that the plans for mass registration had been temporarily cancelled or suspended. She read a letter from Linda LeClair to N.H. Friends Meetings, telling of the Hearings to be held on the Selective Service System, Jan. 20, 21 & 22. We were encouraged to respond out of our concern with letter writing and school contacts for counselling with youth.

Contributions were encouraged for continuing Linda LeClair's salary which is assured only thru this month.

Lucy asked the Meeting for clarification of her relationship to the Peace & Social Concerns Committee. She challenged us by asking if we are merely interested listeners or can we get involved. Lucy herself feels the need of Meeting support in her role as representative to the Support Committee. Discussion revealed a desire to support Lucy in the valuable work she is doing for us.

Virginia Towle suggested a letter go out from AFSC or from Friends Meetings to School Boards, School Principals and Superintendents in N.H. informing them of the efforts of our AFSC program. Friends preferred that the letter go out under AFSC auspices.

Two names were suggested for possible additions to the

Peace & Social Concerns Committee: Margaret Johnson and Tom McGuigan. This comes out of the fact that both Bill McDevitt and Karen Towle have moved out of the area and will no longer be able to serve on the Committee. New members will hopefully re-activate the committee and share the work and the weight of concern they now carries.

The need for many more sweaters for children in Vietnam was announced, even though Heidi Zacharias has donated a very large parcel to AFSC.

Ethel Haller, Recording Clerk

meeting adjourned —
.... purposing to meet again Feb. 15, 1976.
(copied by TWB)

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
February 15, 1976

Monadnock Monthly Meeting for Business followed our meeting for Worship.

Minutes of the January Meeting were read and approved with corrections.

Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Lucy Winslow reminded us of the need for mailing lists to be used by our N.H. AFSC program. She reported only one has been received. No letter will be sent out to school officials until reassessment of the military scene after the cancellation of mass registration plans.

The Education Committee reported that the Queries written by our young people and sent to the Friends Journal have been misplaced by the Journal office but they will be forthcoming in a future issue. It is suggested to Ministry and Counsel that these Queries be shared by the children occasionally with Meeting.

The Clerk thoughtfully stopped to explain Friends practices several times to guests who were with us from the Sunday Schools of Peterborough Unitarian and Congregational Churches.

The following announcements were made –
- Quarterly Meeting will be held third month 6, in Plainfield Vt.
- The Unitarian Church in Peterborough will hold a re dedication service at 3 P.M. Feb. 22. Public is invited for a program of music and social hour. It is the 150th anniversary of the opening of this church.

The Meeting School invited Friends to their production of Shakespeare's Midsummer Night's Dream at 8 P.M. Feb. 21.

Yarn is available for knitting sweaters for Vietnam children. AFSC has a supply of yarn donated by Bernat Co.

Meeting has books "This is the child" available for $3.50

Meeting adjourned with brief period of silence.

Ethel Haller, Recording Clerk

... purposing to meet again Mar. 21, 1976.

(-copied by T.W.B.)

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
March 21, 1976

Monadnock Monthly Meeting for Business followed Meeting for Worship.

Minutes from previous Meeting read + approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved. Ken Fleming explained that altho 58% of our annual budget has been contributed within 55% of the budget year, we are in need of money currently for specific obligations which come due this quarter.

Lucy Winslow reported on the Support Committee. Mailing lists have been provided and are helping bring funds in to continue the AFSC - N. H. program. The Support Committee sees its role as being half time in fundraising and the other half consulting with AFSC staff-person. They feel the need of help from Meetings in the area of public relations and communication thru the news media.

The Clerk asked for names for the Nominating Committee. Hulda Brayton, Jamal Ravndal and Helen Bliss were approved to serve. Ted Webster is resigning from the Newsletter service he has ably performed for several years. Nominating Committee is asked to find someone to continue this effort.

The Clerk mentioned that a Travelling Minute has been sent to Chris Ravndal for his visitations during the month of March.

Ted Webster reported on Quarterly Meeting saying they need our help in filling Yearly Meeting posts such as Representative to Yearly Meeting and members on the Peace + Social Concerns Committee. He further encouraged us to participate more fully in Quarterly Meeting gatherings, speaking of how much it means to him and his family.

The question was raised whether we wish to invite the Quarterly Meeting to meet in our area for March of next year. After questions and suggestions were aired, it was agreed the Meeting School Community should be asked if it would be feasible for them to provide rooms and a gathering place for the weekend if Meeting members took the responsibility for meals + child care.

It is understood that when students leave the Meeting School for the intersession period, faculty make time for rejuvenation and Monadnock Meeting does not wish to add any undue burden at that time. However it does seem an ideal place and many people would enjoy the opportunity to visit the School.

Elizabeth McGreal announced Russell Johnson would be with us on April 11 and meeting will have a potluck lunch in connection with his speaking with us. That same evening he is scheduled to meet the public at the Historical Society in Peterborough.

Meeting closed with a short silence.

Ethel Haller, Recording Clerk

... purposing to meet again April 18, 1976.

(copied by TWB.)

Proposed - Spring '76

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE for FRIENDS' MONTHLY MEETING

Clerk: Ethel Haller

Recording Clerk: Ted Webster

Treasurer: Charles Cox

Committees

Ministry & Counsel

*Jack Haller
Heidi Zacharias
Virginia Towle
Thelma Babbitt (tentative: unable to reach at this time)

Religious Education

*Elizabeth McGreal
Lucy Winslow
Reserve--Dorrie Welch

Peace & Social Concerns

* Phil Towle
Hulda Brayton
Tom McGuigan
Tom Snell
Rod Zwirner (?) *

* Convenor , or convenor to contact

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
April 18, 1976

Monadnock Monthly Meeting for Business followed Worship.

Minutes from the previous month were read + approved.

Ministry and Counsel reported that about 20 Friends met with Russell Johnson after worship on April 11. Fellowship and the meal together and discussion with him were all part of a valuable time. M + C recommends that we continue this kind of sharing in our Meeting.

A request for oversight of a marriage has been received by our Clerk and given to Ministry and Counsel for consideration. After reading the letters pertinent to the request and discussing the matter thoroughly, it was decided to invite the couple to meet with M + C members on April 21 at Haller's home in order to talk over the possibilities with them.

The Nominating Committee submitted its report *(attached) which was approved.

Friends approved contributing the money collected from the public meeting with Russ Johnson to AFSC. Also $15 was sent to the Historical Society for the use of their building.

There was thorough discussion of the need for and use of a Newsletter and of how its function in our Meeting could best be effected. There was also a good discussion on taking Minutes for our Meeting.

Hilda Brayton agreed to take responsibility for the weekly notice of Meeting for Worship in the Peterborough Transcript.

Elizabeth McGreal will post a permanent card on the Corner bulletin board in Peterborough with the same information.

The Clerk reported progress is being made with the I.O.O.F. for the installation of a sign in front of this building.

Meeting came to a close with brief period of quiet contemplation.

Ethel Haller, Recording Clerk

... purposing to meet again May 16, 1976.

(copied by HB)

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
May 16, 1976

The Monadnock Monthly Meeting for Business met on May 16, 1976.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. No Treasurer's report was available.

Ministry and Counsel reported that the couple considering marriage, Jonathan E. Price and Kim G. Beatty, had changed their plans.

George Bliss reported on the Yearly Meeting Committee for Concerns in Education. Recommendations for action are being sent to Yearly Meeting.

A request from Yearly Meeting Ministry & Counsel was considered. They wish hospitality ~~from~~ at the time of their June 19 meeting. After discussion, it was agreed that the Henniker Meeting House would be reserved for their use. Donald and Margaret Baker will assist with arrangements.

It was suggested that Meeting for Worship be held at Library Hall for the summer months. Part of the problem is that there is some uncertainty on availability of the IOOF room because of neglect in opening the door. It was decided to contact Odd Fellows' officials and have a thorough understanding about the use of the hall.

The Meeting School in Rindge has agreed to host the Northwest Quarterly Meeting next March 1977.

Tama Babbitt reported briefly on her recent trip to Kenya and offered to share her experiences in a fellowship gathering sometime soon.

Helen Bliss reported current activities of Church Women United. She is Political Action chairman of the organization.

Meeting adjourned purposing to meet again at the appointed time 6th month

Ethel Hallier, Recording Clerk

MONADNOCK MONTHLY MEETING

Member-Attender List

Tenth Month, 1976

NOTE: This list is tentative. . . please direct your corrections, additions and suggestions to Ted Webster, Recording Clerk

ANDREW, Gwyneyth	15 Bradley Court, Jaffrey 03454	532-8613
*BABBITT, Thelma	Prospect Hill, Hancock 03449	525-3729
*BAKER, Donald and Margaret	Contention Pond, Hillsboro 03244	478-3230
*BLISS, Ernest	Snow Bridge Dr., S. Barre, VT 05670	
*BLISS, George, Helen, Margaret	River Rd., New Ipswich, NH 03071	878-1087
BOWEN, Barbara and Douglas	Norway Hill, Hancock 03449	525-4079
*BRAYTON, Hulda	47 Union St., Peterborough, NH 03458	924-3055
CARY, Robert, Karen	Jaffrey/Peterborough	
*COX, Charles & Laurel (not a member.) Dorn, Justin Alexander	The Meeting School, Rindge 03461	899-5600
CUMMINGS, Barbara	E. Mountain Rd., Peterborough 03458	924-6227
DESROSIERS, Mary and Richard Kleinschmidt Hannah Smalltree	The Meeting School, Rindge 03461	899-6687
*FLEMMING, Donald and Paula Gregory, Sean	20 Winter St., Peterborough, NH 03458	924-7280
GORDON, Marjorie	Harrisville	
GOULET, Karen	3 Highland St., #3, Nashua, NH	
*GREENLEAF, Esther and Robert	Old Street Rd., Peterborough 03458	924-7101
*GREGORY, Mary Probyn, Cadigan, Rohan, Branwen, Arofan, Taliesen	Chapman Rd., Keene 03431	352-8673
*HALLER, Ethel and Jack	The Meeting School, Rindge 03461	899-6630
HANCOCK, Wade	Peterborough	
*HAYDEN, Joel and Ruth	14 Bradeen St., Springdale, ME 04083	
*HENRY, Kim	The Meeting School, Rindge 03461	
HILDEBRANDT, Charles, Judith Melanie, Emily, Mark	97 Wilbur St., Keene, NH 03431	357-0796

*Member

JOHNSON, Margaret Anne, Lisa	Route 9, Stoddard 03464	446-2244
KLEIN, Edwin and Katherine	Kendal at Longwood, Box 216, Kennett Sq. PA 19348	
KLEINSCHMIDT, Richard & Mary Desrosiers Hannah Smalltree	The Meeting School, Rindge 03461	899-6687
*McGREAL, Elizabeth Y.	Old Street Road, Peterborough 03458	924-3122
*McGUIGAN, Tom and Eva Pischnotte	The Meeting School, Rindge 03461	
*PISCHNOTTE, Eva and Tom McGuigan	The Meeting School, Rindge 03461	
PRIEST, Margaret	15 Bradley Court, Jaffrey 03454	532-8613
*RAVNDAL, Christian & Janeal Karen, Seth, Helen	Route 2, Box 220 Webb Rd., Peterborough 03458	924-3376
*SIEGEL, Bonnie	The Meeting School, Rindge, 03461	899-2889
*SNELL, Thomas and Julia Christopher, Tamara, Sarah	Thomas Road, Rindge 03461	899-2836
*STABLER, Griffin and Lois	Honey Hill, RFD, Winchester 03470	352-6006
*TOWLE, Philip and Virginia Kevin, Karen, Chandra, Hannah	Box 398, Rindge, 03461	899-5448
*TOWLE, Karen	Manchester	
VINING, Elizabeth	Kendal at Longwood, Box 194, Kennett Sq. PA 19348	
*WEBSTER, Edward and Susan Mark, John, Christopher	West Rd., Ashby, MA 01431	617-386-2280
WELCH, Jess and Dorrie	Hancock, NH	
*WINSLOW, Lucinda	Powers Bridge Rd., Peterborough 03458	924-6608
*ZACHARIAS, Leslie and Heidi	RFD 1, Box 507, Rindge 03461	532-8062
**ZWIRNER, Rodman and Ruth Aaron	The Meeting School, Rindge 03461	899-2806

* member
** sojourning member

NEWSLETTER
January 31, 1976

Monadnock Friends Meeting
P. O. Box 301
Peterborough, NH 03458

Clerk: Philip Towle
Recording Clerk: Ethel Haller
Treasurer: Donald Flemming
Newsletter: Virginia Towle
Ted Webster

CALENDAR:

Meeting for Worship:	10:30 am Sundays (hymnsinging at 10:30 and unprogrammed worship at 10:45) at Odd Fellows Hall, West Peterborough
Meeting for Business:	3rd Sundays of the month, following worship
Religious Education:	Each Sunday except the 3rd; care for younger children as needed
February 6-8:	Couples Retreat sponsored by Yearly Meeting Committee on Ministry and Counsel at the home of Wayne and Jessie Jones, Braintree, Mass. To register call Betsy Muench (617) 862-2839.
February 15:	Monthly Business Meeting
February 18:	Ministry and Counsel meeting, 7:30 pm
February 21:	Yearly Meeting Committee Day, Providence
February 27-29:	"Raising Responsible Children in a Violent Society" sponsored by the Yearly Meeting committees on Ministry and Counsel, Peace and Social Concerns, and Christian Education. Farrington Memorial, Lincoln, Mass. Register with Bruce Hawkins, 61 Henshaw Avenue, Northampton, Mass. 01060.
February 29:	Pot Luck Lunch after meeting for worship
March 5 and 6:	Quarterly Meeting, Plainfield on Saturday; Retreat on Friday evening
March 20:	"Workday" at Hartford, sponsored by NEYM Ministry and Counsel: "Toward a Quaker View of Marriage"

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BUDGET REPORT from the January business meeting:

	General Funds	Earmarked
Received since 9/1/75	$1205	$235
Disbursed since 9/1/75	747	235
Balance on hand:	$552	

The Meeting decided to earmark $300 to help get the AFSC New Hampshire program off the ground in October. To date just $60 has been contributed.

Some things various Friends have been doing recently. . . .

Julie Snell is teaching a 15-week course in death and dying at Monadnock Community College.

Hannah Towle is visiting with the Confers and working in Washington, D.C.

Chuck Hildebrandt is a classical music DJ Sunday afternoons on the Keene State College radio station.

Thelma Babbitt is caring for grandchildren in Plainfield, Vermont while their parents are in India.

Karen Towle has moved to Manchester, New Hampshire and is working at Catholic Medical Center West

Heidi Zacharias was recently traveling in Germany for two weeks, paving the way linguistically for the Franklin Pierce Chorus tour, visiting Frankfurt, Heidelburg, Stuttgart, Muenchen, Wien, Linz, Nurnburg, Wurzburg, and Frankfurt.

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Happy Announcement from the CCCO

> "The March 31 draft registration has been cancelled. In testimony before the House Armed Services Committee on Jan. 21, Selective Service Director Byron Pepitone asked for $6.8 million for the draft system for the next fiscal year. This (money) will pay for about 100 Selective Service employees. . (to) 'plan' further inductions. It will not be enough to register anyone in 1976, and no further registrations are planned until inductions are again authorized."
> (Jan. 22 Newsletter of Central Committee for Conscious Objectors, CCCO)

CCCO will continue its program "Taking a Stand Against War" (TASAW) but will redirect its energies into counseling young people about their options vis a vis the military. They contemplate a spring campaign for high school career days. We as a Meeting may want to consider whether we wish to become involved in this kind of project. [illegible]

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our representative to the AFSC New Hampshire
[illegible] Support Committee reports. . . .

YOUR SUPPORT NEEDED BY THE SUPPORT COMMITTEE

AFSC/New Hampshire is entering a crisis period. In order to guarantee future AFSC support, New Hampshire must raise the first year's salary for our worker, Linda LeClair. But, the funds collected to date will pay Linda's salary only through February 20th. $5,000 to $6,000 still must be raised if we are to fulfill our 10-month contract with her and the New England AFSC office. The Support Committee decided at its January 6th meeting that the base of appeal must be expanded. It was suggested individual members of meetings might have mailing lists they are willing to offer (area school or college faculty, professional groups, community service groups, etc.). Consider if you think it important that New Hampshire have an AFSC program. If you do, please help ensure its survival by providing a list. Within a few days if possible. Thanks. Lucy Winslow

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
July 18, 1976

The Monadnock Monthly Meeting for Business met following Worship on July 18, 1976.

Minutes of 6th month 20, 1976 were read and approved.

The Recording Clerk read Treasurer Donald Fleming's final report which indicated contributions amounting to $2332.71 had been received. Disbursements ~~totaling~~ $2,310.22 leaves a balance of $22.49. A report of the new Treasurer Charles Cox was also read stating that as of 7/16/76 $105 in contributions had been received and $129.50 had been spent leaving a total of 99¢. It was noted that remaining budgeted items for the year ending 8/31/76 is $90.

The Clerk read a letter from Thelma Babbitt calling attention to an editorial on Capital Punishment in the Keene Sentinel of July 8, 1976. It was agreed that the Clerk send a letter commending the Sentinel, on behalf of the Meeting.

The Clerk read a letter from Frances Rice, Convener of the Northwest Quarterly Meeting Nominating Committee requesting Monadnock Monthly Meeting to make appointments to N.E.Y.M. Committees: Finance, Nominating, Ministry & Counsel. Friends were asked to consider this and bring back suggestions to the August meeting or telephone the Clerk.

The Clerk reported that Donald (Pat) Sutherland would like to transfer his membership to Goose Creek Friends Meeting in Lincoln, Virginia. This was approved by the Meeting and the Clerk will send an appropriate letter.

The Clerk read a letter from Eva Rindnotte of Rindge, N.H. Meeting School requesting membership in the Meeting. The letter was directed to Ministry & Counsel for prompt action.

Letters from Chestnut Hill Friends Meeting (Pa.) and the Mountain View Meeting (Denver, Colorado) Committee on Clearness were read by the Clerk. Both letters warmly supported Nancy Weiderhold and Theodore Kaiser in their plans to marry under the care of our Meeting. Philip Towle, Clerk, reported that several people had suggested we hold Meeting at our regular time and place on August 22, and also at Francestown, N.H. for the marriage. This was agreeable to our Meeting.

It was agreed that a notice be published in the Peterborough Transcript inviting Friends to attend a called Meeting for

Marriage – for Nancy and Ted at 11:00 at the Crotched Mt. Inn in Francestown, N.H. Philip Towle and Hulda Brayton will be responsible for getting the notice to the paper.

Thelma Babbitt, Jameal Randal and Philip Towle were appointed to the Committee on Oversight. One or two other members will also be asked to serve. The father, Dr. Louis Niederhold expressed appreciation for the support of our Meeting.

Ted Webster, Recording Clerk

The Meeting adjourned purposing to meet again on next month Third First Day.

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Treasurers's Report 9/19/76

Checking acc't balance 7/18:	$ 0.99
Contributions since 7/18:	210.00
Sale of Tracts since 7/18	.85
Disbursements since 7/18	130.00
Present Balance (cash on hand):	81.84

Savings Account at Unity Bank & Trust Co.	
Balance 9/1/75:	$1,404.28
Deposits:	0.00
Withdrawal:	0.00
Interest:	71.61
Balance 8/31/76	1,475.89

Report on Expenses for the Year 9/1/75 to 8/31/76

Item	Budgeted	Spent
NEYM	$600.00	$600.00
NEYM Equalization	50.00	50.00
N. W. Quarter	140.00	140.00
Friends Gen'l Conf.	150.00	150.00
Friends Journal Adv.	20.00	32.68
Quaker Life	15.00	13.95
P. O. Box rent	11.00	8.00
Monadnock Council	15.00	15.00
FCNL	200.00	200.00

Item	Budgeted	Spent
Meeting School	$150.00	$150.00
AFSC	200.00	200.00
Newsletter	75.00	27.31
Treasurer's Expense	10.00	10.28
Rent (I. O. O. F.)*	520.00	515.00
NH AFSC (sp.)	300.00	110.00
Laban Masimba (sp.)	-	200.00
Rocto Edmondson (sp.)	-	25.00
Roger Demers Fund (sp.)	-	10.00

*Less $5.00 because locked out one week

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
September 19, 1976

~~Minutes from~~ The Monadnock Monthly Meeting for Business met following worship on Sept. 19, 1976.

Minutes from the previous Meeting were read and approved with corrections.

The Treasurer Charles Cox read a report which is attached to the end of these Minutes. The Treasurer was asked to look into an interest-bearing account for checking and the Budget Committee was asked to review rates for Savings accounts and determine whether our account should be moved from the Unity Bank and Trust Company in Roxbury. Rather than place the checking account surplus from the last fiscal year into Savings, the Meeting considered whether to give it to the N. H. AFSC program along with an additional amount. It was agreed this should be put on the agenda for next month.

Lucy Linnelon's written request that she be released from Peace + Social Concerns Committee was read and accepted with regret. Friends were asked to bring to next Meeting their thoughts about a replacement. Hilda Brayton agreed to serve as liaison with N. H. AFSC.

The following were approved as a Budget Committee:

Charles Cox (Treasurer)
Philip Towle (Clerk)
Thelma Babbitt
Tom McGuigan
Heidi Zacharias

In response to the request for Yearly Meeting appointees the following nominations were made and accepted:

NEYM Finance Committee - Philip Towle
" Nominating Committee - Helen Blais
" Ministry + Counsel - Jack Hailer

Jack Hailer reported on the Sept. 5 meeting of the Ministry + Counsel Committee.
They recommended Eva Reichmuth be accepted for membership.

The Committee felt there should be more social gatherings + suggested a picnic after Meeting Oct 3 at McDowell Barn (at IOOF Hall if rain). This was approved a date of Oct. 28 was selected for an evening gathering to discuss "What is Love?" It will be held at 7:30 P.M. at the home of Helen + George Blair in New Ipswich.

Thelma Babbitt reported briefly on the wedding under the care of this Meeting of Nancy Wedderhold + Theodore Kainer, at Crotched Mt. Inn in Francestown, N.H. The celebration was a harmonious, beautiful event and beautifully arranged.

Friends were reminded of our continuing responsibility for nurturing this and other marriages. The Clerk was asked to write to the Denver Meeting (with a copy to Chestnut Hill Meeting) hoping for their continued support of this union

Elizabeth McGrail reported that the Religious Education Committee will be working with the children on Parables during the year. They will meet every Sunday except the 3rd when Meeting for Business is held. So parents will not be discouraged from attending, books for the children will be available. Also, in the future, we will have access to the nursery for the younger children.

Friends discussed a rather deeply felt concern regarding time of Meeting. It was agreed that the notice in the papers should read: Meeting for worship at 10:45 a.m. Singing may precede.

Because of the length of this Meeting, Yearly and Quarterly Meeting reports were held over for next month.

The Meeting approved sending a Minute to Mary Gregory for support of her recent action in the strongest tradition of the Society of Friends; her statement in opposition to the Seabrook Nuclear Power Plant in the form of direct action leading to her arrest.

Ted Kinder, Recording Clerk

Meeting adjourned purposing to meet again Oct. 17, 1976

(copied by TMB)

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
Oct. 17, 1976

The Monadnock Monthly Meeting for Business was held on Oct. 17, 1976 following Meet for Worship.

Tom McGuigan reported for the Budget Committee and the proposed budget was distributed. There was concern whether the budget reflected balance in the direction of social outreach as well as the Meeting's administrative necessities.

It was suggested provision might be made to support special needs of individuals that might arise during the year or to assist financially in helping members or Young Friends attend Meetings or Retreats.

The Meeting approved setting up a "Contingency and Scholarship Fund" of $159 to meet special needs as they are brought before the Meeting. This will replace the "Miscellaneous" item on the proposed budget and bring the total to $2451. (See Sept. 19 Minutes for Treasurer's Report.)

Friends felt it would be helpful to schedule a special meeting to discuss how we might support such concerns; at the same time it was felt discussion of related aspects of taxes might be appropriate.

The Meeting adjourned with a moment of silence.

Ted Webster, Recording Secretary

... purposing to meet again Nov. 21, 1976.

(copied by TWB)

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
November 21, 1976

Monadnock Monthly Meeting for Business was held on Nov. 21, 1976 following worship.

The Minutes of Tenth Month Meeting were approved as circulated.

The following Treasurer's report was read:

Savings account balance	$1475.87	
Contributions ~~of Budgeted Items~~ since 10/17	500.00	
Earmarked Contributions (N.H. AFSC)	15.00	
Budgeted disbursements since 10/10/76	371.00	
Balance 11/21/76		$225.54

Monadnock Bank in Jaffrey has an account similar to our present checking account. Monthly statement, no banking charges, they also have a NOW account that pays 5% interest but a $500 balance is required. No word yet from County Bank & Trust Company about their current rate of interest. The Treasurer was urged to write again.

It was announced Carole Singer has volunteered to work with the N.H. AFSC.

The Clerk reminded us that we will host Quarterly Meeting on March 5th 1977. The following agreed to serve on a Planning Committee: Ethel Haller, Ted Webster, Philip Towle + Helen Bliss.

The Clerk read a letter from the "Earthquakers" outlining their plans for a World Study Tour and their fund-raising program. It was also announced that Paul Goulding of Friends General Conference is scheduled to visit the Meeting School and would be available the end of March 1977.

It was reported that a discussion group had met before worship and plans to meet each First Day at 10:15 until for the next five weeks. Discussion will be Bible oriented beginning with the Sermon on the Mount led by Randy Brown. There will be care for young children.

Ted Webster, Recording Clerk

The Meeting adjourned proposing to meet again Dec. 19, 1976

(—copied by TWB)

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
December 19, 1976

Monadnock Monthly Meeting for Business was held following Worship on Dec. 19, 1976.

The Minutes of 11th month were approved with corrections.

Ted Webster read the Treasurer's report as follows:

Balance 11/17/76	225.54	Total Budget	2450.00
Contributions	108.00	Rec'd to date	638.00
Earmarked (NHAFSC)	7.00	Still needed	1812.00
	340.84	Earmarked NHAFSC	22.00
Budgeted Disbursements	290.00		
	$50.84		

Our commitment to the N.H. AFSC program was discussed. It was agreed that the current budget be amended to give $100 to that program. It was hoped Linda LeClair could attend during a meeting for worship in January and briefly interpret the program afterward. Ted Webster will contact her regarding a date.

Helen Blair agreed to clerk for the Planning Committee for the Spring Quarterly Meeting to be held under the care of this Meeting March 5.

George Blair reported on his recent trip to Washington DC for FCNL. There is a very hopeful feeling being felt with the incoming Carter administration. He pointed out the need for financial contributions to keep FCNL work in Washington at its present level. On Jan. 23 after Meeting George Blair will present the work of FCNL and will open a discussion of political issues of concern to Friends.

The Meeting adjourned with a moment of silence,

Ted Webster, Recording Clerk

..., purposing to meet again January 16, 1977.

(copied by TWB)

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
January 16, 1977

Monadnock Monthly Meeting for Business met on Jan 16, 1977 following Worship.

Minutes from 12th month were approved with corrections.

[illegible] Charles Cox, Treasurer, gave a report which will be appended to these Minutes.* He also noted we had received a note of thanks and a contribution from the [illegible].

The Clerk reported that a Certificate of Removal had been received from Mt. Toby Meeting in Leverett, Mass. conveying the request of Marjorie Jordan to have her membership transferred to our Meeting. Marjorie was welcomed by the Meeting.

The Religious Education Committee reported on the suggestion that First Day School children be present for worship at the end of Meeting for Worship instead of the beginning. The Meeting agreed with the Committee that we should continue as we have been, particularly because those working with the young people felt fifteen minutes of worship first creates a helpful mood of readiness (for First Day School)

It was agreed that the Treasurer transfer the Meeting savings account to the Jaffrey Bank for convenience. Stewardship of our financial resources was discussed and a special meeting to explore this further was scheduled for before Meeting Feb 6, 1977 at 9:30 a.m.

The Clerk reported he had approached the Odd Fellows for a written statement of the arrangements which we have with them regarding the use of the building. There has been a verbal indication that they intend to raise our rent from $10 to $12.50 (for each use of building) The Clerk has requested they put this in writing along with the rental agreement. The Meeting decided that no further action was called for until we hear from them further.

The Clerk reported that he had heard of a building for sale that might be appropriate for the Meeting to consider. He will keep the Meeting informed.

Helen Blake reported on the meeting of the Committee for Quarterly Meeting arrangements. Things are under control and special requirements will be mentioned as they arise.

A letter has been received from Monadnock Council of

Churches regarding representatives from our Meeting for its meeting on Jan. 25. The Clerk appointed Virginia Towle and tentatively, Dorrie and/or Grace Welch.

Ted Webster, Recording Clerk

The Meeting adjourned purposing to meet again Feb. 21, 1977.

(copied by TWB)

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
February 20, 1977

Monadnock Monthly Meeting for Business met on Feb. 20, 1977 following worship.

Minutes of First Month were approved as read.

The Treasurer's report was read by Ned Gurnee and approved.

The Clerk, Philip Toole, reported that we have received from Moorestown Meeting in N.J., a letter of transfer of membership for Margaret Hess Johnson (member) and Anne K. and Alicia B. Johnson (associate members.) They were warmly received by Friends present.

A letter has also been received from Joel and Ruth Hayden saying they wished to withdraw from membership, as well as their children, David, Douglas and Rebecca. The letter read in part:

"We have become involved musically, in worship and, financially with other Christian groups, we therefore wish to withdraw from our membership in Monadnock Meeting. Our association with the Meeting was an important part of our lives and we have many dear Friends there. We wish you all well and thank you for all you have meant to us."

The letter also mentioned that Ruth and Joel have moved to New Jersey in early January where Joel is working for his Master's Degree in Choral Conducting. Monadnock Friends expressed regret (at losing the Haydens membership) It was felt the spiritual vitality of the Haydens will be missed by us all. It was hoped they will find creative expression and enrichment in their new environment.

The Meeting has been informed by letter from Donald Harris, Building Agent for the IOOF, that effective Feb. 1, 1977 the rent for the hall will be raised to $12.50 per week (for one day in use) Alternatives were discussed, which led Friends to agree that the IOOF Hall is unusually well suited to the needs of our Meeting and that for the present the increase is acceptable.

The Clerk reported that the Monthly Meeting Program has been mailed and we have received several requests for accommodations.

Concerns were shared regarding the scheduling of adult discussion (which has been at 9:30 A.M. before Worship.) There is increasing difficulty in maintaining care of children during the adult discussion period. Also the question of how to make Worship more meaningful to both adults and younger Friends was discussed.

It was agreed that beginning next week, February 27, Worship will begin with singing at 10:30 and settle into unprogrammed Worship at 10:45. Children will remain in Meeting until it breaks briefly on or about 11:25. Children's First Day School and adult discussion will follow.

It was agreed that next First Day, the 27th, people bring lunch and be prepared to remain to discuss the State of the Meeting report, hoping to have it ready to send to Quarterly Meeting March 5.

Jesse Welch reported that he attended the Jan. 25 meeting of the Monadnock Council of Churches at the Crotched Mt. Center and that this had been a very rewarding experience.

The Clerk reported a letter has been received from Claire S. Wilson regarding the Clamshell Alliance. Friends felt they should be notified that this Meeting would welcome a chance to discuss the alliance when convenient for them.

New England Regional Office of AFSC has purchased new offices and has sent a list of items needed to equip and furnish the building. This is available from Philip Towle.

In response to discussion of the Meetings financial needs, it was suggested that we make clear how contributions can be received. It was agreed the Clerk should post the Treasurer's name and address and that checks should be made payable to the Monadnock Monthly Meeting of Friends.

The Meeting adjourned after a brief period of silence.

Ted Webster, Recording Clerk

... proposing to meet again March 20, 1977
(Copied by TWB)

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
March 20, 1977

Monadnock Monthly Meeting for Business met following Worship.

The Minutes from Second Month Meeting for Business were approved as circulated.

For Religious Education, Elizabeth McLeod reported that she discussed the new schedule with Lucy Brinson and with the children. They recommended we return to the old schedule (that is with children remaining in Meeting for Worship 15 minutes until 11 A.M. then going out for First Day School.)

The Meeting agreed this should be done and that the discussion group would meet weekly after Worship for the next three months with this arrangement to be reassessed at the June Business Meeting. In addition, a Tuesday evening meeting was scheduled at the Browns to discuss a weekly sharing group.

The draft of the State of the Society report was approved, with one deletion.

Ted Webster asked that he be relieved of his duties as Recording Clerk since a change in his living situation will make regular attendance more difficult.

Ted Webster, Recording Clerk

The Meeting adjourned, purposing to meet again on Third First Day in April, 1977.
(copied by TWB)

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
Fourth Month, 17, 1977

Monadnock Monthly Meeting for business met following worship.

The minutes for Third month were approved as read.

The recording clerk, Ted Webster, indicated that he would like to be relieved of his duties since a change in his living situation will make regular attendance more difficult.

Also, the Clerk, Phil Towle, called the attention of the meeting to the fact that Jack Haller has expressed a desire to be relieved of his responsibility as Clerk of Ministry and Counsel.

The Clerk wondered if the meeting shouldnt appoint a nominating committee to act immediately to fulfill these vacancies and present nominations to fill next year's appointments. The Meeting appointed: Thelma Babbitt
Elizabeth McGreal
Charles Cox.

The Treasurers report was read.

The Meeting was reminded that the discussion group on the Sermon on the Mount will be held after Meeting and that the Third Day evening meeting is being held each week at Randy and Linda Brown's in Wilton.

After a brief period of worship, the meeting was adjourned purposing to meet on Fifth month 15, 1977

Ted Webster, Recording Clerk
copied by WTB

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
Fifth Month 15, 1977

Monadnock Monthly Meeting for Business met following Worship.

The Minutes for Fourth Month were approved as read.

The Treasurers report was given followed by a discussion regarding the use of savings in the Unity Bank and Trust. It was agreed that the funds be transferred to the Peterborough Savings Bank and the details be obtained regarding an $1,000.00, five-year interest free loan to the Friends Community Development Corporation.

The Clerk and Treasurer agreed to write an appeal letter to inform members of our financial position.

Friends approved that a new record book be obtained for the Recording Clerk.

The Nominating Committee presented the following names to serve the Meeting for the following year:

Clerk: Phillip Towle
Recording Clerk: Walter (Randy) Brown
Treasurer: Rodman Zwirner.
Religious Education: Elizabeth M'Quaid
Hospitality: Marjorie Zidon
Representative to
N.H. AFSC: Carole Finger
New England Yearly Meeting Representatives:
Ministry and Counsel: Marjorie Zidon
Finance: Phillip Towle
Representatives to Yearly Meeting: Virginia Towle
Phillip Towle

The nominating committee felt that,

for the time being, that Ministry and Counsel should be a responsibility of the total Meeting and that special committees be appointed when special events arose.

The Nominating Committee also felt that the Meeting should not attempt to have a Social Concerns Committee, but meet any special concern with a special committee.

Friends approved the above nominations.

Friends agreed to invite the Northwest Quarterly Meeting to have their Third Month meeting in our area if these meets with the approval of The Meeting School. (The Clerk later secured this approval.)

Friends were invited to remain after Meeting to hear a presentation by Carol Bragg and Linda LeClair on AFSC's work in Vietnam.

After a brief period of meditation, the meeting was adjourned purposing to meet Sixth Month 19, 1977.

Phillip Towle, Clerk
copied by NTB

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
Sixth Month 19, 1977

As a continuation of our worship, meeting for business was held on sixth month 19, 1977.

The minutes for Fifth Month were approved.

Rod Zwirner presented the treasurers report.

Friends agreed to reestablish a monthly newsletter, edited by Randy Brown, Recording Clerk. The plan is for it to be distributed prior to meeting for business so that Friends can consider the agenda items in advance. Other contents will include:

1. excerpts of the minutes of the previous meeting for business.
2. calendar of events.
3. news of members and attenders.
4. new attenders.
5. contributed articles written by Friends.

Rod Zwirner, Treasurer, read the standard loan agreement used by the Friends Community Development Corporation. Friends agreed to authorize the Treasurer to loan $1,000.00 from the Savings account to the F.C.D.C. for two years with no interest under this standard agreement.

Friends also discussed the needs of the Meeting School after their recent fire. Friends agreed to contribute financially after the close of our fiscal year. Friends as individuals are asked to be aware of the Meeting School's need.

Friends agreed to begin a weekly social hour after meeting coordinated by Marjorie Gordon. Friends will take turns providing refreshments. This will start after Marjorie returns from vacation.

The weekly Bible Study will continue after Meeting. Participants will briefly join the social hour after Bible study.

After a short period of silent worship, Meeting was adjourned purposing to meet Seventh Month 11, 1977.

Warren (Randy) Brown
Recording Clerk

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
Seventh Month 17, 1977

In a continuation of our Worship, Meeting for Business was held on Seventh Month 17, 1977.

The minutes were approved as read.

Rod Zwirner, Treasurer, gave the following report:

Balance 6/17/77	44.74
Receipts	255.00
Disbursements	222.50
Transfer from Unity bank	1520.59
Loan to FLDL	1,000.00
Balance	553.07

Phil Towle, Clerk, reported that the carpet matter is still being worked on.

The sign for the Odd Fellows Hall is up. Phil Towle also discussed the design and style of lettering for the sign, emphasizing its calling for worship rather than [illegible] [illegible].

Upon reviewing past discussion it appears that three differing messages for the sign, have been, approved. After some discussion, Friends approved the following wording:

Monadnock Friends Meeting for Worship

[illegible]

Sunday 10:45 - Children Welcome

Friends also discussed publicity of Meeting announcements in the

Peterborough Tournament. Elizabeth McBrue will have the responsibility to determine whether we can arrange to have a standard of [illegible] every week. [illegible], and one notice every week. Hillary Wildon will contact [illegible] Kerne Santini to see if the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

The Meeting accepted with regret Hilda Brayton's decision to withdraw from membership in Meeting.

Friends agreed to express sincere appreciation for the time and effort Thelma Babbitt put into bringing the minute book up to date.

Phil Towle reported that three minutes appear to be missing: Fifth Month, 1975; Sixth Month, 1976; and Eighth Month, 1976. Anyone having notes or other information regarding these meetings should contact Randy Brown, Recording Clerk.

Friends agreed to the appointment of the following committee to prepare a proposed budget for the coming fiscal year: Phil Towle, Clerk; Rod Zwirner, Treasurer; Don Baker and Thelma Babbitt

Marjorie Gordon and Virginia Towle have agreed to serve on Ministry and Counsel. Other suggested members include: Doris Welch and Margaret Baker.

After a short period of silent worship, the Meeting was adjourned temporarily to meet on Eighth Month 21, 1977.

William (Randy) Brown
Recording Clerk.

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
Ninth Month 21, 197[illegible]

The [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] Monthly Meeting of Friends was opened by Phil Towle, clerk, on Ninth Month 21, 197[illegible].

The minutes of the previous month were approved as read.

Phil Towle reported on several items:

1. The Keene Sentinel will not publish our weekly announcements of meeting for worship, but will publicize special events.

2. Tod [illegible], Treasurer, was on vacation, but it appears we will be able to meet our budget for the 197[illegible]-7[illegible] fiscal year. The proposed budget for the next fiscal year will be published in the forthcoming newsletter.

3. We are still working on getting the sign painted. The sign painter has gotten behind, but has not forgotten us.

4. Friends Book Store does not carry minute books. Phil will check further to determine where minute books can be obtained. Friends agreed to send their completed minute book to the New England Yearly Meeting archives.

[illegible] and [illegible] Ellis have asked that their membership be transferred to Adelphi Meeting in Maryland. Friends agreed to send a letter of transfer to Adelphi Meeting.

Friends also agreed to send a letter of introduction to Burlington (Vermont) Monthly Meeting for Chris Jones.

George Bliss presented a report on New England Yearly Meeting.

After a long period of silence the meeting was adjourned, hopefully to meet on Fourth Month 15, 1977.

[illegible]
Recording Clerk

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
Ninth Month, 1977

As a continuation of our worship the monthly meeting for business was opened by Phillip Towle, clerk, on Ninth Month 5, 1977.

Rodman Zwirner, Treasurer, presented the following report

Previous balance	$ 735.50
Expenditures	70.00
Contributions	28.60
Closing balance	694.10

It was noted that the above balance includes $500.00 savings, carried forward from previous years. Friends requested that future reports give the balance without including this amount, which represents savings which should be kept separate from on-going expenses.

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
Tenth Month 23, 1977

As a continuation of our worship meeting for business was opened in Tenth Month, 23, 1977 by Phillip Towle, Clerk.

The minutes were read and approved.

Rodman [illegible], Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report.

Phil Towle presented a request received from a group at the Meeting School to be recognized as an allowed meeting. This matter was referred to Ministry and Counsel who will meet with representatives of the Meeting School group and report back.

Phil Towle read a letter which he had received from the school board in reply to his letter protesting Army Day at Conval.

Elizabeth McTreal presented the need of the library for support for their expansion program. Friends agreed that the Meeting would make a donation, with the amount to be determined later.

After a brief period of worship, the meeting was adjourned proposing to meet Eleventh Month 20, 1977

Walter (Randy) Brown,
Recording Clerk.

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
Eleventh Month 20, 1977

As a continuation of our worship, Meeting for business was held on Eleventh Month 20, 1977.

The Minutes of the previous month were read and approved.

Rodman Ewison, Treasurer, presented the following report:

Previous balance	825.60
Contributions	60.00
Expenditures	50.00
Current balance	835.66

This includes $500.00 of savings carried over from previous years.

Ted Ewison notes that we had received several donations earmarked for the library.

The sign for the front of the building has been completed. Plans are to have it erected next week.

William Wilder reported on progress toward developing a Career Day at Conant High School. The Community Group, in which several members of Monadnock Meeting are participating, recently met. Contacts are being made with guidance counselors to learn more about the testing program, that includes the military sponsored test HSFAB, and possible alternatives. It was reported that there was an average of one military recruiter a week seeing students at Conant. Alternative career choices, the traditional college orientation and military orientation will be strongly encouraged to be in the Career Day program.

Following a discussion of the First Day Morning Bible Study it was agreed to reschedule the time to 9:30. All participants in the study feel that this is a more convenient time.

Linda Brown asked about the possibility of sharing worship on a regular basis (i.e. once a month) with the worship group at the Meeting School. Others felt that we would have to leave some members here, in case of visitors or others not knowing of the change. Many members at Rindge ~~are~~ commuting to Fitchburg are very inconvenient.

After a brief period of worship, the meeting was adjourned planning to meet Twelfth Month 18, 1977

Winston (Buddy) Brown
Recording Clerk.

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
Twelfth Month 18, 1977

At the conclusion of our Meeting for business Friends returned their Meeting to silence.

The Minutes for the Eleventh Month were read and approved.

The treasurers report was read and approved

Previous balance	222.00
Contributions	385.00
Disbursements	398.50
Ending balance	208.50.

The ~~Minutes~~ report was accepted but it was hoped that the difference between the Minutes for last Month and the amount indicated as balance in the current report might be checked.

A letter from Kim Healy was read indicating her desire for transfer to Wester Chester Meeting West Chester, Pennsylvania. The Clerk was asked to send a note to Kim Healy and Wester Chester Meeting concerning her transfer.

Ministry and Counsel expressed a desire for Friends to report on any news concerning Mary Gregory's status.

A brief discussion was had ~~discussing~~ about a possible special Christmas activity, but it was felt that it was too late in the day to do anything this year.

After a brief period of worship the Meeting was adjourned proposing to meet First Month 15, 1978.

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
First Month 15, 1978

In a continuation of our Worship, Phillip Trinkle, Clerk, opened Meeting for Business on First Month 15, 1978.

The Minutes of Twelfth Month, 1977, were approved as read.

Robert Ellison, Treasurer, submitted the following report:

Previous balance	209.50
Contributions	245.00
Expenditures	[illegible]
Current balance	150.00

After some discussion, Friends agreed to donate $100.00 from savings to the Fellowship Library Fund. This is in addition to any continuing contribution which may be requested.

Marjorie Swan and Virginia Drake, Members of Ministry and Counsel presented a written report on their meeting with representatives of the Rindge Worship Group on Eleventh Month 20, 1977.

The discussion produced the following recommendations:

1. A Meeting for Worship, referred to as a worship group, allowed Meeting or first Rindge Friends meeting for worship be held weekly at the Meeting School.

2. That both Monadnock Meeting and the Rindge worship group reconsider their times of Meeting so that they do not overlap in time.

3. If such a group were established, various non-Friends and members of other Meetings present at the Meeting School would seriously consider transferring their membership to Monadnock Monthly Meeting or applying for Membership.

4. That Business Meeting of the Monthly Meeting take place at a different time than present.

5. That announcements of the Rindge Meeting be announced in each issue.

Upon discussion, several members expressed concern over the fact that there were two small Quaker groups so close to each other. The hope was expressed that a mutually convenient location where the two groups could worship together could be found.

Friends accepted the Rindge Worship Group as being under the care of our Meeting.

Mary Gregory, member of our Meeting, is serving a three month sentence in a House of Correction for participation in a protest against the Seabrook (N.H.) Nuclear Power Station. The visiting list is limited to family or members of the clergy. Others are encouraged to write to her.

The State of Society meeting is scheduled for Second Month 10, 1978 at the Odd Fellows Hall. Pot luck dinner at 6:00 and discussion at 7:30.

Discussion was also held about the need for younger children to have a place for First Day School. Phil Toole has contacted the leader of the Fosling School (which is held at the Odd Fellows Hall) and we will not be allowed to use their room. A suggestion was made that the older First Day class use the hall way and that the younger children use the big dining room.

After a brief period of worship, the meeting was adjourned purposing to meet on Second Month 17, 1978

Walter T. Brown,
Recording Clerk.

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Monadnock Monthly Meeting
Second Month 19, 1978

As a continuation of the Worship, Meeting for Business was opened by Phillip Towle, Clerk, on Second Month 19, 1978.

Minutes of the First Month meeting were approved as read.

Rodman Zwirner, Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's report.

Friends received a letter from Jack and Ethel [illegible] requesting a letter of transfer to the Santa Fe Friends Meeting. This was approved.

We received a letter from Lincoln Gray requesting to remain as a member of Monadnock Meeting, while sojourning with Adelphi Meeting. Phil Towle, Clerk, will acknowledge the same and send greetings to Adelphi Meeting.

Friends approved sending a donation of $15.00 to the Monadnock Council of Churches.

We discussed the issue of pre-school children in First Day School. Friends agreed to try having the older age First Day School in the hall, so that pre-schoolers could have the dining room.

Marian Sherman will assist Elizabeth M. [illegible] by teaching the older age First Day School on the First, First Day of every month.

Elizabeth M'Grant expressed the appreciation of herself and others involved in fund raising for the donation Monadnock Meeting made to the Peterborough Library Building fund.

A meeting to discuss the State of Society report was announced for Third Month 26, 1978 after Meeting for worship.

After a brief period of worship the meeting was adjourned proposing to meet Third Month 19, 1978.

[illegible]
Recording Clerk.

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
Third Month 19, 1978

In a continuation of the worship, Meeting for Business was opened by Phillis Timothy, Clerk, on Third Month 19, 1978.

Roman Zwiener, Treasurer, gave the following report:

Previous Balance	$266.00
Expenses	221.00
Receipts	90.00
Current Balance	35.00

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This is in addition to $450.00 savings [illegible] received from [illegible], [illegible].

The special meeting to discuss the State of Society was held on Second Month 26, 1978, following Meeting for Worship. The meeting was very well attended and many diverse points of view expressed. As an outgrowth of this meeting Virginia Towle, with [illegible] presented a proposed State of Society Report. The report was accepted with corrections by the meeting.

The meeting also expressed warm appreciation to Virginia Towle for the excellent job she did in reflecting the diverse views presented at the State of the Society meeting.

Marjorie Gordon reported that an informal worship group was being formed in Keene. The place will be announced later.

After a brief period of worship, the meeting was adjourned purposing to meet Fourth Month 16, 1978

Respectfully Submitted
Willard Randall Brown

STATISTICS FOR Maranacook [illegible] MEETING FOR 1978 49

When Monthly Meetings consist of more than one Meeting (Preparative, Particular, Allowed, Worship Group), each Meeting should fill out a blank for the Monthly Meeting. Each Monthly Meeting should make up its report from these Meeting reports, where more than one is involved; otherwise use only the column at the right of the page.

On the Quarterly Meeting form one column should be filled in for each constituent Monthly Meeting and totals given in the right hand column.

	Constituent Meetings						Total
1. Number of Members last year (12/31/1977),							46
2. Additions due to Omissions in last year's Report,							0
3. Additions by Birth or Request of Parents,							0
4. Additions by Request, including from another Denomination,							0
5. Additions by Certificate from another Friends Meeting,							1
6. Total Additions.							1
7. Loss due to Removal of Persons included by Error in last year's Report,							0
8. Loss by Death (list name and date on back of form),							0
9. Loss by Discontinuance, Resignation, or Disownment,							2
10. Loss by Transfer to another Friends Meeting,							6
11. Loss by Letter to another Denomination,							0
12. Total Loss.							8
13. Number of Members this year (12/31/1978),							39
14. Net Gain, or							
15. Net Loss.							7
16. Number of Males,							20
17. Number of Females,							19
18. Number under 25 years of age,							6
19. Number over 65 years of age,							5
20. Number of Junior Members,							6
21. Number of Junior Members Transferred to Active Membership,							0
22. Number of Resident Members,[1]							24
23. Number of Non-Resident Members,							15
24. Average Attendance at Sunday Worship (estimate),[2]							12
25. Number of Sojourning & Affiliated Members,							0
26. Number Participating in Sunday Classes or Discussions,[3]							-
27. Number of Meetings held Regularly on Weekdays,[4]							0
28. Number of Members attending Friends' Schools and Colleges.[5]							0

Recorder or Clerk Philip A Towle

1. Resident Members--those living within commuting distance.
2. Include those present for part of the time of Worship.
3. Adults, children, teachers, leaders.
4. Meetings for Worship, Discussion, Youth Group, etc. One such group, meeting regularly at least half of the year, counts as "I." May describe on back of form.
5. Please list schools on back.

Prove your figures by adding number of Males and Females which should give total number of Members; also by adding Resident and Non-Resident Members.

The Monthly Meeting Recorder should keep a copy of these Statistics;
The Monthly Meeting Clerk should keep a copy of these Statistics with the Minutes;
One copy of these Statistics should be sent to the Quarterly Meeting Clerk;
One copy of these Statistics should be sent to the Yearly Meeting Office, The Maine Idyll, Freeport, ME 04032, by May 1, 1979.

The Quarterly Meeting Clerk should keep a copy of the Quarterly Meeting Statistics with the Minutes; and send one copy to the Yearly Meeting Office by May 1, 1979.

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
Fourth Month 16, 1978

As a continuation of our worship, meeting for business was opened by Phillip Towle, clerk, on ~~Third~~ WB3 Fourth Month 16, 1973

The minutes were read and approved.

NO Treasurer's report was available.

Friends are invited to participate in the wedding of Karen Towle and Lawrence Abel which will take place on Sixth Month 3, 1978, prior to North West Quarterly Meeting at Farm and Wilderness Camps in Vermont. The ceremony will be held at 1:00 o'clock followed by refreshments and square dancing until 4:00. There will be a special program for children for the first part of the wedding after which they will be invited to join the adults for the remainder of the ceremony.

Thomas Bassett of Burlington (VT) meeting wrote requesting that we appoint a Committee on Clearness to talk with Karen Towle regarding her planned marriage. This was necessary since Karen remained a member of Monadnock Meeting.

Since Tom Bassett's letter was written, the clerk received a request from Karen Towle asking that her membership be transferred to Burlington Meeting. Friends approved this request.

It was noted that since Karen's membership has now been transferred, it is appropriate for Burlington meeting to appoint the Committee on Clearness.

A Workshop on Religious Education will be held in the Dover (N.H.) meeting on Fifth Month 20, 1978

The following nominating Committee was appointed subject to the members acceptance.

Marjorie Gordon
Rodman Zwirner
Carlene Kruger.

After a brief period of worship, the meeting was adjourned purposing to meet Fifth Month 11, 1978

William (Randy) Brown,
Recording Clerk.

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
Fifth Month 11, 1978

As a continuation of our worship, meeting for business was convened on Fifth Month 11, 1978 by Clerk Philip [illegible].

The minutes were approved as read.

Rod Zwirner, Treasurer, presented the following reports

For Third Month:

Previous balance	35.00
Expenditures	45.00
Contributions	40.00
Closing balance	30.00

For Fourth Month

Previous balance	30.00
Expenditures	345.50
Contributions	270.00
Closing balance	= -45.50

This represents a withdrawal from savings which now is $435.50

Friends were saddened to learn of the sudden death of Susan Webster on Fourth Month 22, 1978. Susan was an attender at Monadnock Meeting and had many friends among us. We will miss her.

A memorial meeting for Susan Webster was held on Fifth Month 7, 1978 under the care of the Acton (Mass.) Friends Meeting and Monadnock Meeting.

The memorial meeting was attended by members and Friends from a wide area. There was a generous flow of messages and memories.

Ted Webster and their three children are still living in Ashby, Mass. Phil Trowe pointed out that this family needs our support during this difficult period.

Friends agreed to prepare a travelling minute to Bert and Constance Hoag who are going to Kenya. It was noted that the Hoags are sojourning members of the Plainfield (VT.) meeting.

The written request from the Keene worship group to be recognized as an allowed meeting under the care of Monadnock Meeting was received.

The Keene Group meets First Days at 10:30 AM, [illegible] Keene. The first hour of the meeting consists of silent worship followed by a discussion. Children are included in both the worship and discussion.

Current regular attenders are: the Hildebrandts, the Harris, Marilee McCallum, Marjorie Gordon, William Webster and Robert Williams.

Friends agreed to recognize this group as an allowed meeting under the care of Monadnock Monthly meeting.

The following Committee on Oversight was appointed:
Marjorie Barton,
Mary [illegible],
[illegible] and Lois Stokes

This committee was charged with submitting a [illegible] report to [illegible] Monthly Meeting.

Discussion followed regarding ways to promote fellowship among people in [illegible] and [illegible]. It was agreed that we would have a pot-luck following Meeting after business on Sixth Month 18. The [illegible] would be [illegible] and [illegible].

Thelma Babbitt was appointed as an alternate to the Nominating Committee.

The Treasurer was asked to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] for contributions to support our Meeting.

Friends are reminded of the Friends gathering in [illegible], New York on Seventh Month 1-8.

Consideration is being given to the formation of a New Hampshire Friends Council.

Meeting School is [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] its condition.

The Meeting was [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Sixth Month 18, 19[illegible]

[illegible] [illegible], Clerk

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
Sixth Month 18, 1978

As a continuation of our worship, meeting for business was opened on Sixth Month 18, 1978 by Philip Towle, Clerk.

The minutes were read and approved.

Rod Zwirner, Treasurer, presented the following report:

5th month balance	−$35.50
Contributions	65.00
Expenditures	28.00
Closing balance	+ 1.50

The amount above did not include the $400.00 surplus forwarded from previous years.

The Nominating Committee presented the following report for officers for 1978-79.

Clerk Phillip Towle
Recording Clerk [illegible] ([illegible]) Brown, (Tentative)
Treasurer Rod Zwirner
Ministry and Counsel Virginia [illegible] (Convenor)
Yearly Meeting Representatives
to Yearly Meeting Phil Towle
to Nominating Comm. Phil Towle
to Ministry and Counsel M. Brown
to Peace and Social Rod Zwirner
Concerns

Finance Committee Phillip Towle
Rodman Zwirner
Ted Webster

Phil Tinkle read a letter of introduction from Hartford Monthly Meeting informing us that Paul and Nancy Buxton and family, members of Hartford (Conn.) Monthly Meeting are moving to Amherst, N.H. this summer.

Friends agreed to schedule Business Meeting so that members of the Weare and Dover groups can attend. We will have a pot-luck for all three groups on the Third First day followed Business Meeting. Attempts will be made to rotate meetings among the three locations.

The Meeting School will need to be assessed for the right [illegible] of cost. Right now the discussion will [illegible] [illegible], whether the school would be [illegible] in 1977-78. and what will be [illegible] of the school property if it is not.

After a brief period of Worship the meeting was adjourned planning to meet [illegible] March 13, 1977.

Martha (Randy) [illegible]
Recording Clerk.

Monadnock Monthly Meeting
July 16, 1978

As a continuation of our worship, meeting for business was opened on Seventh month 16, 1978 by Phillip Towle, Clerk.

The minutes were read and approved.

Rod Zwirner, Treasurer, presented the following report:

Sixth month Balance	$1.50
Contributions	290.00
expenditures	300.00
Seventh month Balance	− 8.50

Rod Zwirner reported that $450.00 more was needed if we are to meet the entire 1977-78 budget.

The budget committee submitted the following proposed budget for 1978-79

New England Yearly meeting	$450.
Friends General Conference	120.
N. E. Y. M. Equalization Fund	35.
Northwest Quarterly meeting	115.
Monadnock Council of Churches	25.
Friends Comm. of National Legislation	200.
Right Sharing of World Resources	50.
American Friends Service Comm.	200.
AFSC - New Hampshire	100.
Friends Journal	30.
Quaker Life	15.
Newsletter	25.
Religious Education	10.
Post Office Box Rent	12.
Rent	333.
Treasurers Expenses	10.
Contingency Fund	73
	1,850.

The above budget was approved.

The nominating committee submitted the name of Carlene Kruger as Recording Clerk. This nomination was approved.

Phil Towle read a letter from Northwest Quarter requesting that Friends write President Carter and members of Congress expressing support for moving fast disarmament.

Several suggestions were made:

1. That paper and envelopes be brought to meeting so that Friends could write right away.

2. That a delegation of 2-3 people meet with Congressman Cleveland and Senator McIntyre regarding this issue - Art Kruger and Dr. Bowen agreed to do this. Phil Towle will write letters requesting an audience for 2-3 people.

3. Phil Towle will discuss this issue with the Monadnock Council of Churches. He will also prepare a list of political leaders addresses for inclusion in the Newsletter.

Phil Towle read a traveling minute from Tokyo Monthly Meeting regarding Lorraine [illegible] [illegible], member of Tokyo Meeting, who is traveling in the United States and will be in the Monadnock area this summer.

Phil Towle announced that New Hampshire AFSC is searching for a new field worker.

Ruth Brinton reported that the Meeting School will not open during the 1978-79 year. They hope to have appointed a head by second month, 1979, and to begin developing plans for 1979-80.

The Meeting School is also planning on a conference on "Where is Friends Education Going in the 1970s" to be held the weekend after Labor Day.

After a brief period of worship, the meeting was adjourned purposing to Meet Eighth Month 20, 1978.

Walter (Sandy) Brown

Meeting Statistics

MONADNOCK MONTHLY MEETING DIRECTORY

September, 1984

ALLEN, Mary and Gordon (Jonathan, Jesse), Summer Street, Antrim, NH 03440
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Friends Journal, 152A North 15th St., Philadelphia, PA 19102

Keene Monthly Meeting, Day Care Center, Cleveland School Building, Wood
Street, Keene (mail: c/o Hildebrandt, 97 Wilbur St., Keene, NH 03431)

The Meeting School, Thomas Rd., Rindge, NH 03461 899-3366

Monadnock Peace Coalition, c/o Jim Bates, Old Peterborough Rd., Jaffrey,
NH 03452

New England Yearly Meeting Archives, 121 Hope St., Providence, RI 02906

New England Yearly Meeting Office, Tom Ewell, Field Secretary, PO Box 2432,
S. Portland, ME 04106

Northwest Quarterly Meeting, c/o Rachel Walker, Clerk, RFD 2, Montpelier,
VT 05602

Nor'wester (Newsletter of Northwest Quarterly Meeting), c/o Ruth Seaman,
Editor, 15 Grant Rd., Peterborough, NH 03458

Quaker Life, 101 Quaker Hill Drive, Richmond, IN 47374

MEETING OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Presiding Clerk - Arthur Fink

Acting Recording Clerk - Sidne Lewis (through October Meeting)

Treasurer - Virginia Towle

Meeting Librarian - Marjorie Killeen

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Representative to 1984 New England Yearly Meeting - Philip Towle
Phyllis Stine Schultz

NEYM Finance (at YM sessions) - Donald Baker

NEYM Nominating - Virginia Towle

NEYM Peace and Social Concerns - Chuk Randall

NEYM Ministry and Counsel - Phyllis Stine Schultz

Monadnock Peace Coalition Representative - Claudia Brandenburg

New Hampshire American Friends Service Committee Support Group - David Erikson

	Two Years	One Year
Finance	Gordon Allen Thelma Babbitt	Virginia Towle Russell Durling
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Ministry & Counsel	Allison Erikson Allison Kaufhold Robert Schultz	Kurt Brandenburg Judith Randall Robert Diercks
Nominating		Virginia Towle Allison Kaufhold Phyllis Stine Schultz
Peace & Social Con.	Gertrude Cleverdon David Erikson	Claudia Brandenburg Chuk Randall
Religious Education	Philip Towle Rod Zwirner Mary Durling	Mary Allen Margot Stothart Ruth Herman

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